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Selectmen review proposal for 100-104 West St.

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — During their meeting on Monday night, the Board of Selectmen invited the proponents for the 40B project at 100-104 West St. to present their current plan. Town Manager Jeff Hull clarified that bringing this project as an appointment item was not an effort of support for the project, but more to create a forum for residents and to gather comments for their comment letter due on March 2.

He also reminded the

audience that this board holds no power to approve or reject this proposal, as approval in this case would be under the purview of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Princeton Properties project, Hull said, was a "friendly" 40B proposal where the Board of Selectmen did get to approve. However, now that the town has fallen below their required 10 percent affordable housing, any 40B goes straight to the ZBA for approval.

Lynne D. Sweet, principal, LDS Consulting Group, LLC described that the

project had been reviewed by MassHousing and several town department heads already. In cooperation with the feedback, they made some changes including reducing the number of units and increasing the parking ratio to 1.7.

While she wouldn't consider this project a friendly 40B due to their tight timeline to get ZBA approval, she said they intended to consider all the input that residents and the board provided.

She also explained the income limits placed on affordable housing units

for rent. Anyone living in the building would need a criminal background check and credit check. She emphasized the fact that they would request 70 percent local preference for the affordable units, citing research that showed 47 percent of Wilmington renters as "rent burdened." Being "rent burdened" means that your rent is over 30 percent of your paycheck.

The presenters then detailed the proposed buildings, including townhouses and apartment buildings. They would pave a primary driveway along

West Street and a secondary gravel path for firetrucks. The majority of parking would be below the rental buildings. They planned to manage the stormwater and make other low impact development choices including creating a small playground and dog park.

The townhouses would be created using traditional architecture and traditional materials, they said. With 188 interior parking spaces, the proposed parking ratio is 1.7 spots per unit, although there was room to add more parking. The presenters reas-

sured the board that plenty of spaces would be available for visitors, and that a lot of their units are only 1-bedroom. Their goals included sustainability and openness for things like landscape buffering and electric vehicle charging stations.

Chair Lilia Maselli asked why the secondary fire access road would be gravel considering how it would get messy in the event of rain and snow. They responded to say that they would be open to using a grass lane in-

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Selectmen discuss town budget for FY23

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Board of Selectmen shared their thoughts on the proposed 2023 fiscal year budget during their meeting on Monday night. Town Manager Jeff Hull opened the conversation referencing the gross increase of town budget by 4.83 percent from this year. He explained that some of the changes were simply due to auditors recommending more transparency than usual, and others were related to costs of services going up.

Another area of increase was in the budget for students attending the Shawnee Tech, which they thought would only increase by 10 percent but was increasing by 20 percent. Finance Director Bryan Perry said that this amount was a surprise that came in just last week.

Kevin Caira asked if they expected this number to increase even more. Hull replied that he wouldn't expect it to go higher. He also said that there is a limit to the number of students from Wilmington that the Tech would potentially accept. Judy O'Connell calculated that it costs the town \$16,000 per student per year to go to the Tech.

Perry also reminded the town about their commitments to fulfill retirement, Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), and upcoming capital projects like the senior center and the new Wildwood school. He said that the town could be on the threshold of reaching a triple A bond rating, but this would only be determined at the time they go to borrow money. As far as free cash, they like being able to turn at least five percent of the budget into free cash with balance revenue, if not more.

Hull went on to mention



Celebrating 100 episodes of Book Stew

In photo: Mary Leard - WCTV Office Manager, Lisa Kapala - Community Relations, Book Stew's Eileen MacDougall, Adam Dusenberry - Operations Manager, Marty McCue - Youth Director and Ashley Stevens - Social Media Content surprise Eileen with a congratulatory cake and inscribed stone bookends in honor of her 100th episode of Book Stew. (photo:BruceHilliard.com)

Selectmen review proposal for Eagle Scout

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Monday night, the Board of Selectmen approved a proposed Eagle Scout project from Kevin Stevens of Boy Scouts of America Troop 56. The project Stevens proposed was to create a memorial for Wilmington veteran Leslie Wicks, who was killed in action in 1946.

The memorial would be a stone with an engraved plaque, surrounded by a memorial garden with flags and other visual elements. It was proposed to be placed at Yentile Farm since the park is close to where Wicks lived.

One concern first brought up by Selectman Judy O'Connell was that this park is closed for a portion of the year and may not always be accessible.

Gary DePalma asked how Stevens picked this project. Stevens explained that he met Veterans Services Director Lou Cimiglia through his grandfather, who's a veteran,

and looked through a list of Wilmington veterans who had recognition in town but saw that Wicks didn't.

Cimiglia specifically mentioned that most of Wilmington's residents who were killed in action have a memorial square around town, and they're all placed near where the resident lived. He also appreciated Stevens' motivation and said he was proud to work with him.

The board asked Stevens what his financial goal was and how he planned to achieve it. Stevens answered that the rough estimate was \$2,500. He'd started a GoFundMe page and planned to send letters to businesses across town asking for donations.

Town Manager Jeff Hull shared a question from the Public Works Director and DPW Operations Manager about whether there would be other monuments going in at Yentile Farm, seeing as that isn't the intent of that space. Cimiglia re-

plied that there weren't any plans for further monuments at this location.

After approving the Eagle Scout project, the board took time to recognize Dana Burnham for her years of service as the President of the Wilmington Farmers Market. Chair Lilia Maselli opened by speaking to the effort Burnham put in to bring the farmers market to town. Kevin Caira took that a step further and mentioned how its popularity grew.

Greg Bendel said he appreciated how they were creative to adapt to COVID-19 safe operations and bringing in new things for kids. DePalma expressed a similar sentiment about how the farmers market always had something new. O'Connell said that she was impressed with the leadership and organization, the diversity of attendees and public awareness, their commitment to sup-

Board discusses MBTA response to Jan. 21 accident

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The Board of Selectmen set aside time during their meeting on Monday for further discussion of their thoughts on the MBTA's continued response to the tragic accident on Jan. 21 where a resident driving their car crossed over the North Wilmington tracks as the gates were still up and was hit and killed by a train.

Town Manager Jeff Hull established that the town's intentions were to seek comments from the MBTA that would provide some measure of assurance of safety at railroad crossings in town and what changes needed to be made so that residents can cross without concern. He also mentioned that he had several communications with the town's state delegation, who he said are attentive to the issues he brought up. He'd also be open to the prospect of revisiting the quiet zone.

Greg Bendel assured residents that safety is their number one priority. Select Chair Lilia Maselli

shared that she joined the recent MBTA Advisory Board call, where the CEO of Keolis was also present. There, she expressed the town's disappointment in the lack of communication and notification from the MBTA to residents assuring them that the error was fixed. She reported the MBTA's messaging said that they were going to increase training and update the employee manual for testing, whereas the town was looking for further corrective action that would make a bigger impact.

Selectman Judy O'Connell expanded on that to consider what changes the town could control, like reinstating the sound warning or adding extra software or technology. She wasn't sure whether the sound warning could have certain hours or if it was all or nothing once it is turned on. Greg Bendel assured residents that safety is their number one priority.

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Lots of youth programs to stay busy during vacation week

Adult Programs

INDOOR

Drop-In Tech Help
Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

TWOSday Raffle

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2:22 p.m.
Join in the TWOSday fun while learning about library services. Pick up a "two-do" list at the library or print one from the website. For each two things you do on the list, you earn a raffle ticket. Bring your list to the library to pick up your earned raffle tickets. Raffle will be drawn on 2-22-22 at 2:22pm for a dinner for what else — two! (Local restaurant gift card, \$50 value).

VIRTUAL

Creative Writing Skills Group

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enth-

siasm, Barbara Alevras.

INDOOR

Well Read Wednesday Book Group
Wednesday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.

This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Director Tina Stewart. Featured book: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

HYBRID

Social Justice Book Group
Wednesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

This group continues the work started with the library's antiracism series. Instead of discussing the entire book, the group will read a select number of chapters per month to allow for more in depth conversation. Featured Book: An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Chapters for this meeting: Chapters 10-Conclusion (59 Pages)

VIRTUAL

Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee
Thursday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

Professor Laura E. Nym Mayhall will speak to Queen Elizabeth's legacy

in light of her 70 years on the throne.

INDOOR

Needleworkers

Friday, February 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie — drop in. Everyone is welcome!

Used Jewelry Donations Being Accepted

In preparation for the Friends Gently Used Jewelry Sale on April 8 & 9, the library will be collecting donations of your used jewelry now through March 18. Please drop off donations at the front desk. We appreciate your support!

Youth Programs

INDOOR

Read to Thor

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 10 - 11 a.m.
Come read to Thor, a beautiful dog who loves to listen to kids read! Sign up for one 15 minute session per reader.

INDOOR TWOSday Trivia and Dance Party!

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.

This TWOSday is February 22nd, making it 2-22-2022! Celebrate the wonderful world of duos with trivia about all things 2 followed by a celebratory dance party! All Ages

Stuffed Animal Sleepover — Drop off!

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bring your stuffed animal to the library so they can have an overnight adventure! When you drop off your stuffie, anytime between 9-5 on Wednesday, you'll fill out a contact info form for them and make them a name tag. Then, you'll leave your friend here overnight and come pick them up anytime on Thursday! We'll take lots of photos of all the adventures we have together so you can see what happens at the library after hours!

All Ages. One toy per child.

INDOOR

LEGO Day

Friday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join us for a special day of LEGO building! Drop by the library anytime between 9am-5pm and help us build a big LEGO set

together! Grades K-5

VIRTUAL

Teen Book Club

Friday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m.
This month's Teen Book Club will discuss One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus. Copies will be available at the library to check out prior to our meeting. Grades 9-12

VIRTUAL

Tween Bullet Journaling

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m.

Want to get started with bullet journaling? Betsy and Shannon of Casual Study will be teaching techniques virtually to have fun with organization! Registrants will receive a bullet journal. Ages 8-12

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual

events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilm.library.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Book Store Next Store,
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February, 10am - 4pm
Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2.

The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

How has the library helped you during the pandemic?

We want to hear from you... How do you benefit from library services while living through the COVID pandemic? Did you use curbside pickup? Discover downloadable audiobooks? Fall in love with virtual storytimes? Email your stories to marketing@wilm.library.org or stop by the library to tell a staff member.

Closed for Presidents' Day

The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 for Presidents' Day.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV's Annual Member's meeting (virtual) is coming!

Tuesday March 22 6 p.m.
View on: Verizon channel 37 and Comcast channel 9
Tuesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. WCTV will hold its virtual annual meeting. The meeting will air on Comcast 9/Verizon 37 and online at WCTV.org/live. This is a great chance to see what WCTV has accomplished during the past year and see what we are looking forward to in the future.

VOTE FOR WCTV's BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prior to the Annual Meeting, all adult members of WCTV are encouraged to swing by and fill out a paper ballot to vote for new and returning members

looking to serve on WCTV's Board of Directors. Ballots may be cast in person at WCTV! For more information on voting, contact: Mary Leard at: mary@wctv.org. For information on becoming a member of WCTV so that you'll be eligible to vote, please contact: Lisa Kapala at: Lisa@wctv.org.

WCTV is located at: 10 Waltham Street, Wilmington

Office Hours by Appointment: (978) 657-4066

Questions about WCTV? Contact info@wctv.org

WCTV Channels: Public Channel: Verizon 37, Comcast 9

To watch programs On-Demand or for more information check us out at WCTV.org

Follow us on Facebook: Wilmington Community Television

Town budget to increase by nearly five percent

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that this year their projected revenue base is conservatively \$125 million.

Chair Lilia Maselli was confused by Wilmington Public Schools' enrollment decreasing while the budget for the school department is increasing by 2.5 percent. Perry simply answered that he believed it had to do with specialization of staffing.

Maselli later suggested using a survey or bringing the idea to the school board to learn more about why enrollment is falling.

O'Connell asked for more information on what services were included

in contractual services budgets increasing. Hull named the cost of heating and oil and police use of body cams where they're signing a service agreement.

O'Connell also suggested revisiting the idea of a Wilmington ambulance service as a revenue source.

Greg Bendel wondered if taking from free cash would hurt their borrowing rate. Perry answered to say that they plan to keep \$18 million in reserves, meeting auditors' recommendations of keeping 15 percent of the operating budget in free cash, while also alleviating the burden of payment from residents.

He added that the rat-

ings review has a high regard for Wilmington's financial revenues and flexibility for unforeseen challenges.

Bendel then asked Hull to clarify whether lessening the OPEB contribution would give money back to residents, and Hull answered that it would only bring the leftover funds back to the town's reserves.

Caira reminded Hull that he hadn't sent a request to the board asking them to specify their priorities for funding this year. He also questioned a few line items for Perry to explain: assessor's office software, backlog of data collection, salary adjustments, and retire-

ments. Hull mentioned that last year there were 13 total retirements, and this year there were already 16 or 17.

Hull went on to say that the budget is intended to cover unanticipated circumstances. They could do their best, but there would always be situations that they haven't planned for in the budget.

Caira also noticed that there was a new service dog in the Police Department and asked how it was acquired. Hull explained that the service dog was paid for by a donation from a church to be used for public safety purposes, having spoken with Police Chief Joe Desmond.

Ward, Aslam named to Dean's List at MassBay

WELLESLEY HILLS — The following local residents have been named to the MassBay Community College Dean's List.

• Catherine Ward, of Wilmington, who studies Interior Design, achieved this outstanding academic honor for the fall 2021 semester.

• Shazia Aslam, of Wilmington, who studies Interior Design, achieved this outstanding academic honor for the fall 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the MassBay Dean's List, students must complete at least six credits of college-level courses, be in good standing with the College, and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

To learn more about MassBay visit massbay.edu.

MassBay Community College is the most affordable higher education option in MetroWest Boston, offering a robust portfolio of courses and more than 70 associate degree and certificate programs with flexible day, evening, and

weekend classes in Ashland, Framingham, Wellesley Hills, and online.

MassBay students receive an unmatched educational value by earning stackable credits that transfer to bachelor's degree programs, and workforce-ready skills necessary to advance careers in high-demand fields such as health and life sciences, automotive technology, engineering, business, cybersecurity, and the humanities.

MassBay's Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (LPN) programs were both ranked as the #1 Nursing Program in Massachusetts in 2020-2021 by national nursing advocacy organizations RegisteredNursing.org, and PracticalNursing.org.

Since its founding in 1961, MassBay has been accredited by several governing bodies and remains firmly committed to its mission of meeting the needs of the diverse local communities it serves.

Riekstins named to Dean's List at Belmont University

NASHVILLE, TN — Adam Riekstins of Wilmington qualified for the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Belmont University.

Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 50 percent of Belmont's 7,076 undergraduate students qualified for the Fall 2021 Dean's List.

Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "Students achieving the Dean's List recognition at Belmont University are highly committed to success in their educational endeavors. They have clearly demonstrated a deep investment in their studies and in their future. We are thrilled to celebrate their hard work and know their continued, consistent and comprehensive dedication to their academic work will equip them to become what we call 'future shapers' at Belmont as they impact the world

around them."

About Belmont University

Located two miles from downtown Nashville, Tennessee, Belmont University consists of nearly 8,800 students who come from every state and 33 countries.

Consistently recognized by U.S. News & World Report for innovation and commitment to undergraduate teaching, Belmont brings together the best of liberal arts and professional education in a Christ-centered and student-focused community of learning and service. As a campus that aims to Let Hope Abound, the University is committed to producing graduates who are Hope Inspiring, Character Forming, Future Shaping, Community Engaging and Bridge Building people.

For more information, visit www.belmont.edu.

Upcoming local events

Saturday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All You Can Eat Chocolate Festival, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 8 Kirk St., Lowell www.lowellwinterfest.com

Saturday, Feb. 19, 1-3 p.m. - Sweet Charcuterie Workshop - Open Space Workshop, 1875 Main St., Tewksbury openspacetewks.com

Sunday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Indoor Farmer's Market - Mill No. 5, 250 Jackson St., Lowell Tickets: Lunalowell.com

um, 365 East St., Tewksbury

Sunday, Feb. 20, 1 - 4 p.m. Gravel Project-Craft Food Hall Project - Revolution Hall, 3 Maguire Road, Lexington

Saturday, Feb. 26, 3:40 p.m. - The Tragedy of Macbeth - The Luna Theatre, 250 Jackson St., Lowell Tickets: Lunalowell.com

Thursday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. - Outdoor Walking Tour, Public Health Muse-

able at this time.) Shawnee Tech Pool, 100 Cook St., Billerica. These are for March 5 - April 9 Saturday morning classes.

TYSL (Tewksbury Youth Soccer) is looking for red travel league jerseys or full uniform before the start of the season in April. If you can help TYSL if you have outgrown your jersey or have moved on, please reach out to purchasing at tewksburyyouthsoccer.org.

Advertisement

It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

Lifestyle

Reusable bags are in style in more ways than one

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

Grocery shopping is an inevitable fact of life, but don't let boring brown paper or plastic rain on your parade. Make more than one statement when you hit the supermarket and bring your own reusable bags. It's good for your wallet and good for the planet.

There are numerous incentives for bringing your own bag when shopping. Plastic bags require millions of barrels of oil for production every year in the US, and can take hundreds, if not thousands, of years to break down. Plastic pollution often ends up in open water and drinking sources, threatening public and ecological health. Unlike regular plastic bags or even paper bags, durable reusable bags are far less likely to break or leak when loading and unloading groceries.

In 2018, both Wilmington and Tewksbury Town Meeting members voted to establish bylaws to eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags by retail establishments. Starting in 2019, businesses have been allowed to use recyclable paper and thick plastic

bags with handles. In March of 2020, Governor Charlie Baker issued an emergency order which suspended bans on single use plastic bags in 139 municipalities across the state with bans. However, he rescinded the order in July of 2020 and allowed bans to be enacted again; his action followed published research demonstrating that COVID-19 was not transmissible by surfaces.

The move was applauded by lawmakers and environmental advocacy groups across the state.

With many stores now charging for paper and plastic bags, investing in reusable bags makes economic sense; nickels and dimes add up over the years and could end up costing your family nearly \$100 annually. You can even be further rewarded for reducing your carbon footprint: stores such as Trader Joe's run a "BYOB" — bring your own bag raffle, and Whole Foods and Target refund a nickel for every reusable bag utilized.

No longer just a utility piece, more chains are turning their reusable bags into statement works of art. Trader Joe's shoppers may be familiar with the green and blue Boston themed reusable bag found in local stores, but did you

know that there are custom bags in more than 35 states across the country?

Each bag's design represents the different culinary and regional traditions of locations throughout the United States: blue crabs for Maryland, oranges for Florida, ham for Virginia, and coffee milk for Rhode Island, to name a few. Collectors keep checklists of the bags they've acquired; allegedly, states need three stores before getting their own bag — Maine, for example, with only one location in Portland, has a ways to go.

Some bags feature beloved local recipes that can be made with Trader Joe's ingredients. Flip over the Missouri bag to make gooey butter cake, or check the side panel of the Kentucky bag to learn how to construct a Louisville Hot Brown sandwich. Ever wondered what a chocolate egg cream is? You'll have to head to Indiana to find out.

Trader Joe's also offers a line of "mystery bags" around the holiday season — purchase a sealed cardboard envelope containing three bags and see what states you get! The brightly decorated bags are works of art in their own right, and make for a fun scavenger hunt while traveling or



▲ Reusable bags are becoming statement art pieces. Trader Joe's locations offer sturdy totes representing the unique regional cultures and culinary traditions of states across the country, including Kentucky (bluegrass music), Maryland (the Preakness Stakes), and Boston's architecture. (Rosalyn Impink photo)

doing swaps with family and friends from out of state.

Whole Foods and Hannaford offer colorful reusable bags with eco-friendly themes. The bags also have practical uses beyond the grocery store. Handled reusable bags are great for the beach and easy to hose out at home to remove the sand. Canvas bags are also sturdy and have all sorts of uses. Easy to wash and reuse, the bags have become designer statements while making it easy to transport purchases.

Bags are also great to

give as gifts, forgoing excess packaging and wrapping paper and giving a gift within a gift.

Demand is so great that there are secondary markets for eco-friendly retailer bags on Ebay and Etsy for not only TJ bags, but Whole Foods, IKEA, Foodland, and more.

Retailers are also piloting "beyond the bag" options which utilize kiosks to essentially rent the use of a bag and then provide a way to return the bag to the store. And while shoppers are intuitively bring-

ing their bags to the grocery store to use for their food purchases, all retail stores like Walmart, CVS, and Home Depot, are places where a reusable bag can be perfectly put to use.

Whether you're looking to tote your groceries or acquire some new wall art, reusable bags are achieving new heights as environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing. Next time you want to help the planet, take advantage of the opportunity to step out in style with a fashionable reusable bag.

Klucznik named to Dean's List at Lehigh University

BETHLEHEM, PA — Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to Ellen Klucznik from Wilmington in the Fall 2021 semester.

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research.

The institution is among the nation's most selective, highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh's five colleges — College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science — provides opportunities to 7,000+ students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

Winterfest returns to Lowell this weekend

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

Over the past two years many annual events have been forced to cancel due to COVID-19 restrictions. One such event is the family-friendly Winterfest celebration.

Hosted by the City of Lowell, this annual event has

been missed by the citizens of Lowell and surrounding communities as it is a fun distraction from the long and cold New England winters.

Fortunately, the long wait for a wintertime celebration is over, as the City of Lowell announced the return of Winterfest 2022. The festivities will start in the nick of time for the up-

coming February school vacation on Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022.

With the long awaited and welcome return of this event, the City of Lowell is leaving nothing to chance this year.

At past Winterfest celebrations bad weather put a damper on parts of this event because of unbearable, cold temperatures or wind driven rain.

This year, organizers have planned many of the weekend's events to be held at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. This will make for an enjoyable time for all, regardless of the weather.

Located at 50 East Merrimack St. in Lowell, the LMA offers plenty of space to enjoy multiple Winterfest events, including the Free Verse Poetry Slam and a magic show.

The LMA will also house a day-long artisan market featuring handmade arts and crafts, fashions, and specialty foods from local vendors.

Many local music and entertainment groups will be performing throughout Winterfest at the LMA and surrounding outdoor areas.

Enjoy the bright, festive

lights of Cirque De Light Stilt Walking and Fire Show, performed on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Saturday is the day to bring your appetite and your sweet tooth, as St. Ann's Episcopal Church, located at 8 Kirk St., is hosting Winterfest "all you can eat" Chocolate Festival starting at 11 a.m.

When you have peaked at the "all you can eat" chocolate consumption, take a stroll back to the LMA to wash down all that sugar at the Richard Rourke Memorial Soup Competition.

Always a Winterfest favorite, this event brings together a large variety of local restaurants to compete for the title of Best Soup. Come and sample from the many different competitors and place your vote for your favorite soup of the day.

For those who actually enjoy the frosty feel of February, many Winterfest events will still embrace the New England winter weather, such as the ice skating rink and the classic outdoor carousel.

There is no shortage of fun and games at Winterfest 2022. Family friendly

games and activities for all ages are offered throughout the day, and guests are encouraged to participate in as many activities as they would like.

When it is time to refuel the family with something to eat, you'll find something to please everyone. Plenty of local vendors and food trucks will be on hand offering favorite sweet, savory and fried foods as well as many unique food bites for the adventurous eater to try.

In order to provide a safe environment for all, face masks will be required in all indoor spaces unless you are actively eating or drinking.

As February draws to a close, embrace the fun of the winter season at the much anticipated Winterfest 2022. This family-fun event is a great way to kick off the start of school vacation, and clock in some much needed family bonding time.

For more information on Winterfest 2022, visit www.lowellwinterfest.com.

To view a schedule of events for Winterfest 2022, visit www.lowellauditorium.com.



◀ The Historic Lowell Memorial Auditorium, located at 50 East Merrimack St. in Lowell, is the new home of Winterfest 2022.

(Heather Burns photo)

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OPINION

Letters to the editor

Biagioni-Smith running for School Com. in Tewksbury

To the editor,
My name is Kayla Biagioni-Smith and I am excited to announce my candidacy for Tewksbury School Committee. The School Committee is responsible for making decisions that affect all students, staff, and families in town, and I am the candidate to vote for if you want your voice heard.

My collective experiences align with the main responsibilities of this job and have prepared me to take the next step and be there for not only my children, but for every child.

I am running for School Committee because I would like to continue to bring this passion to all our students. I believe that I can help Tewksbury schools continue to meet the needs of all children throughout their learning journeys and understand our educational goals. I feel strongly that calculated, researched, and

well-thought-out decisions are needed to meet the needs of our community. I believe in open communication among parents, teachers, administration, and the students we support. Everyone's voice matters, and I hope that I can be the person to ensure your voice is heard.

I am excited to see what great things WE can do for OUR students and would be honored to hold this position! Here's to making everlasting memories.

Find me on:
Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6581318694801/>

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I am hosting a fundraiser and meet & greet Saturday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. at TJ Callahan's Pub in Tewksbury. Hope to meet some new friends there!

Peterson thankful for time on School Committees

To my fellow Wilmington residents:

When I ran for re-election as one of your representatives on the Shawsheen Tech School Committee in 2019, I had decided that my term, which would be my ninth, would be my final as well. As that term draws to a close, I would like to personally thank each one of you for allowing me to serve this community as an elected School Committee member, both in Wilmington and at Shawsheen Tech, for a cumulative total of 36 years.

Education has always been my passion. I was fortunate enough to be offered a teaching job in the Wilmington Public Schools upon my graduation from Salem State University in 1979. I undoubtedly would have made teaching my lifelong passion, were it not unceremoniously derailed by the implementation of Proposition 2 1/2 shortly after my career as a teacher began. While I elected to leave teaching at that time, due to tremendous job uncertainty, I never lost my passion for education.

In 1982, I was elected to the Wilmington School Committee at the age of 25. I served as a School Committee member in Wilmington from 1982 through 1988, and again from 1991 through 1994. My terms in Wilmington were during very tumultuous financial times, and I am grateful for having had these experiences.

I am also grateful for having had the opportunity to serve on the Wilmington School Committee with a tremendously diverse group of people. Some were educators, some had financial backgrounds, and some were parents with a passion for education. What

we all had in common was the same goal. To make the Wilmington Public Schools the best that they could possibly be.

Shortly after leaving the Wilmington School Committee in 1994, I received a phone call from Charles Lyons, the Superintendent at Shawsheen Tech, asking me if I would be interested in filling a vacancy on his School Committee caused by the untimely death of my good friend John Gillis while in office.

I informed Mr. Lyons that I knew nothing about vocational education, had three children under six at home, and had just completed nine years on the Wilmington School Committee. I was not sure that I wanted to continue in any elective office. I told him that I would, however, agree to serve out the remainder of Mr. Gillis' term were the Wilmington Board of Selectman and the Wilmington School Committee inclined to vote for me to do so.

I was fortunate enough to be so nominated to complete Mr. Gillis' term, and thus began my 28-year tenure as a School Committee member at Shawsheen Tech.

Upon my arrival at Shawsheen Tech, I discovered the world of vocational education, a field totally foreign to me. I was intrigued by the integration of vocational skills and academic classes, and I immediately became impressed with the dedication of the school staff, both vocationally and academically, in the success of their students. Thus, I decided to stay on as a school committee member.

I also discovered at Shawsheen Tech a superintendent, Charles Lyons, whose passion for vocational edu-

cation and academic excellence were second to none. What was most impressive about Charlie Lyons, however, was his knowledge of municipal finance. Charlie's expertise on these matters is legendary, and his painstaking preparation of his annual budget insured every student at Shawsheen Tech was being provided with an education that was top notch and would prepare them for future success, wherever life would take them.

When Charlie Lyons retired in 2015, after 28 years at Shawsheen Tech, a void was created that will be very difficult to fill. I learned so much from Charlie Lyons in our time together at Shawsheen, and I am proud to call him my mentor and my friend.

I would like to take this time to thank the following people, whose dedication and support for my passion for education made it possible for me to serve in an elected capacity for the last 36 years:

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ded includes \$1.5 million from Massachusetts' \$75 million share of the \$2.925 billion Environmental Mitigation Trust established nationally under the 2016 settlement between Volkswagen (VW) and the U.S. Department of Justice, and \$11.6 million from the Massachusetts Climate Mitigation Trust.

The MassEVIP DCFC program, administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), provides grants covering 100 percent of the eligible cost to acquire and install publicly accessible DCFC electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at government-owned properties and 80 percent at all other locations, up to \$50,000 per charging port.

"Our administration understands the importance of reliable infrastructure supporting the Commonwealth's energy future," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Today's announcement is a step towards the increased deployment of these clean vehicles, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and public health, enhance energy diversity and promote economic growth."

"This Direct Current Fast Charging incentive program is another example of our administration's commitment to improving air quality for all," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "This program will support our efforts to grow the clean energy economy, transform the transportation system, and help Massachusetts attain our emissions reduction goals set under the Global Warming Solutions Act."

The \$13.1 million award

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Under the DCFC program, all awardees must allow access to, and use of, the parking spaces and the EV charging station 24 hours per day, seven days a week. For each station installed, one parking space must be designated for plug-in EV use only and marked clearly through permanent, visible signage. Active enforcement is required.

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BOSTON - In an effort to create additional infrastructure across the Commonwealth, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that \$13.1 million in grants have been awarded to 54 government and private entities under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) to install 306 Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC)

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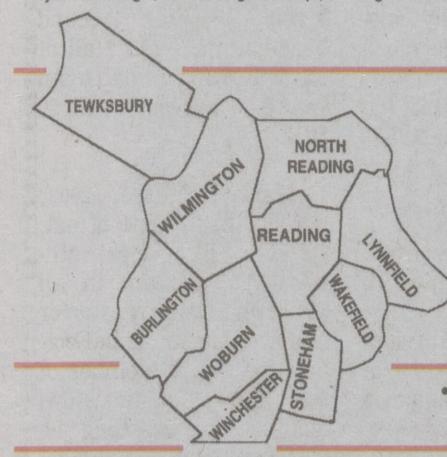
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Movie Review

"BLACKLIGHT"



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Tewksbury teachers, School Committee still at odds over contract

By CASEY STEVENSON

A Tewksbury teacher was thrown out of a recent School Committee meeting as he asked to speak to them, and he was escorted out with a smile and a fist bump to the officer that accompanied him.

That was the reality that faced high school English teacher and Tewksbury Teachers Association President Conner Bourgoine when he stepped up to the podium on the evening of Feb. 9, 2022.

He was accompanied by about 200 other Association members to speak on one issue, the ongoing contract negotiations between the Tewksbury Teachers Association and the Tewksbury School Committee.

The Town Crier covered a similar demonstration back in October of 2021, but months later, these educators are still fighting for their contract.

The two most prominent issues were regarding a change in the salary scale for teachers and aides, and asking K-4 educators to give up prep time to cover up to four lunch duties a week, which the union believes is too many.

Around 5:30 that evening, the Tewksbury Teachers' Association gathered in the park-

ing lot of Tewksbury Memorial High School, motivational music playing, smiles all around, and determination in the atmosphere.

Along with the teachers and aides of Tewksbury, unionized educators from Billerica, Burlington, Amesbury, Haverhill, Andover, and President of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, Merrie Najimy, were by their sides in support.

"Tewksbury is a sister town, and we need to be there for them," said Dave Adams, President of Billerica Teachers Association. "It's time for Tewksbury to have a fair contract."

Before they walked in, a few words were spoken by Max Paige, Vice President of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

"We have tried to meet them (Tewksbury School Committee) halfway, and where have they met us? Nowhere. The question of whether we stay (in Tewksbury school district) or if we go, is up to what they do."

Bourgoine also had a question to ask the demonstrators: "Can you believe we're still doing this?!"

Teachers TO B-3



MEMBERS OF THE TEWKSBURY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION gather en masse during the latest School Committee meeting, as the two sides attempt to come to an agreement on a new contract. After some members spoke during a public comment period, the entire group was eventually removed from the room.

(Courtesy photo)



Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Neeson's back with the skills again, in 'Blacklight'

By JOCELYN NOVEC
AP National Writer

About halfway through "Blacklight," Liam Neeson's 54,796th action movie, someone asks his character how long he's been doing his job.

"Oh, probably too long," he replies.

Sorry to flag this — but it's just such an easy target. Of course, one can charitably wonder if there was any satirical intent behind the line, given that Neeson — we still love him, but more on that in a sec — is mere months from turning 70.

But probably not, because that would presume sophisticated thought had gone into the script, and there's just no evidence of that. It's almost as if the dialogue were temporary, laid down during filming to mark the action, with the intent of going back later and polishing it. Only, they forgot the

polishing part.

But back to our star. Despite his slower gait, he's Liam Neeson, so yes, we still believe, implausibly, that he can do this action stuff. He doesn't run a lot, but he can shoot big guns and blow up cars with grenade launchers to make a point, and we don't laugh when he warns a powerful man accompanied by armed and nasty bodyguards that "You're gonna need more men."

Really, though, someone should reply: "You're gonna need better material." Because there's the rub. It's not Neeson that's the problem.

Still, this is what we get for now, so let's review the rules: In your basic Neeson action film, he's the grizzled, damaged good guy — or wanna-be good guy — but doesn't necessarily work for the good guys. And when he

Movie TO B-2

GUESS WHO'S BACK - Taylor John Smith, left, and the ever-present Liam Neeson in a scene from "Blacklight" from Open Road Films. (Ben King/Open Road Films via AP)

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realizes they're not the good guys, he gets angry. Also: He loves his family. Also: His family will be threatened. Also: He'll do what it takes to save them. With his skills.

We begin at a protest in Washington, D.C., where a progressive politician (too) clearly modeled on Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez - her name is Sofia Flores - is rallying the masses. Hours later, she'll die in a hit-and-run. A terrible accident. Or is it?

Meanwhile, Travis Block (Neeson) is being called into action. An off-the-books government "fixer," he specializes in extracting undercover agents from bad situations. His boss: None other than FBI director Gabriel Robinson (a blustery Aidan Quinn), an old Vietnam comrade.

Block lives alone, in a sleek, low-lit and minimalist apartment, but desires a more stable relationship with his daughter, Amanda, and especially his little granddaughter, Natalie. There's an effort to show he suffers from OCD and PTSD and some other things. He has to repeat everything three times. His refrigerator and closets are lined with identical items. And he's paranoid about his granddaughter's safety, checking the perimeter at her birthday party. "All clear?" the little girl asks. She knows the drill.

Meanwhile we have Mira (Emmy Raver-Lampman), a journalist looking for her next big story who thinks she may be onto something. She has a tantalizing new source, an agent risking his life to reach her. Her self-involved British editor is skeptical, though. In fact, he says at one point: "If you do find something, tread lightly."

Wait, what? "Tread lightly" on a potentially explosive scoop? It's only one of the ways in which the portrayal of this (thankfully)

fictitious news organization is absurd. Also, like Block's home, the newsroom is low-lit and sleek and uncluttered. Right. And later, another top editor says in a news meeting: "Sometimes I think it's better to live in the happiness of the unknown." Sorry, but what kind of a news organization IS this? Was there no consultant budget?

Anyway, it all comes to a head when Block realizes what his superiors are up to. He teams up with Mira to get to the bottom of it. Needless to say this ups the danger, and now his family's at risk. And we all know what happens when a Neeson character's family is threatened.

Director and co-writer Mark Williams keeps the action moving reasonably well, most effectively in a showdown inside a home with another sleek kitchen and a really good wine rack. And while most characters not named Block get cartoonish treatment, the one who fares best is Mira, whom Raver-Lampman infuses with welcome humanity and gumption (a veteran "Hamilton" theater performer, hers is a career to watch.)

As for Neeson, what can we say? He could keep doing this 'til he's 80, but surely there's something better out there. As the film's closing song goes, "every story needs a hero." True. But every hero also needs a story. A better one.

"Blacklight," a Briarcliff/Open Road release, has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America "for strong violence, action and language." Running time: 105 minutes. One star out of four.

MPAA definition of PG-13: Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Follow Jocelyn Noveck on Twitter at www.twitter.com/JocelynNoveckAP

Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY

TRIVIA: Before the Los Angeles Rams won this year's Super Bowl, they lost two previous trips both against the Patriots. Who was the Rams coach for the game played in February of 2002?

Answer appears below:

Woburn's Georgiana Santullo sets Utica record for goals scored in season

Woburn's GEORGIANA SANTULLO, a senior forward on the Utica women's ice hockey team, was named the United Collegiate Hockey Conference (UHC) Co-Player of the Week, Monday after her record setting performances last weekend.

Santullo totaled nine points in a two-game series sweep over Wilkes University this past weekend. On Friday, Santullo had two goals, to set a new program record for goals scored in a single season as she recorded her 26th goal of the year. She also added three assists. She followed that up with a four-point performance on one goal and three assists to become the first player in 18 years to record 50 points in a season and she also became just the sixth player in program history to reach the 100-point milestone for her career.

Santullo currently leads the country in goals (27) and points (51). Santullo is in the midst of a seven-game scoring streak in which she has netted 10 goals and added 12 assists in that span.

Utica set a new program record with its 20th win of the season as it downed Wilkes University 12-2 in UHC Conference action Saturday afternoon. Utica had 13 different players register at least one point in the win. The Pioneers (20-3) wrap up the regular season this weekend as they host nationally ranked No. 7 Nazareth College. Game time is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Friday and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Another local product, left-handed pitcher WILL McFADDEN of Reading hopes to join the Navigators this summer. McFadden (Belmont Hill), a 6-foot-8 redshirt freshman left-hander at UMass, hopes to see some action this season after some arm trouble kept him from seeing action in 2021. McFadden has already been clocked at throwing 90 mph in pre-season.

The Minutemen open on Friday, March 4 at Georgetown in a three-game series.

The Navigators kick off their 15th summer of collegiate baseball on Tuesday, June 7 with the home opener at Fraser Field set for Thursday, June 9. Stay up to date on the latest Navigators news by visiting nsnavs.com and following the team on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Never too early for baseball as Navigators putting lineup together

The North Shore Navigators will be welcoming three returning players back to their 2022 roster as the team looks to defend its New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) division title from a summer ago.

The Navigators are managed by Reading native BOB MACALUSO.

North Andover native Jake McElroy is signed to return to Fraser Field for the third straight summer, following his sophomore campaign at the College of the Holy Cross. The outfielder hit .235 with a .336

on-base percentage, 11 RBI and 10 runs scored in 36 games for North Shore in 2021. He finished the regular season on a five-game hit streak and recorded six hits during the team's playoff run, highlighted by his first home run as a Navigator in the deciding Northern Division Semifinals contest at Keene in August.

Stetson University's Dylan Brazil will also return to the Navigators out field in 2022.

The current sophomore from Lake Mary, Fla., recorded 19 hits, one double, 15 runs scored and nine RBI in 38 games while pitching a scoreless inning.

Brazil, who had a pair of three-hit games, hit his only homer of the summer in the opening game of the NECBL Championship Series at Danbury.

After joining the team late in 2021, pitcher Graham Jeffries is set to return to Lynn for a full summer.

The junior right-hander from Salve Regina University made two regular-season appearances before throwing six scoreless innings in his lone playoff start against Upper Valley, helping the Navigators go on to clinch the Northern Division. Jeffries, a Chelmsford native, struck out 16 batters in 9.2 innings and helped the Seahawks win the Commonwealth Coast Conference championship during his last spring season.

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Peloton's woes continue as it is "adjusting" production of bikes, treadmills

Peloton seemed to have struck gold — literally. During the early days of the pandemic in March of 2020 and shortly thereafter, demands for its exercise bikes were almost a license to print money.

Peloton went on a massive spending spree while things were going well. In December 2020, the company paid over \$420 million to buy commercial fitness equipment maker Precor. It then spent another \$400 million to build a factory in Ohio.

However, Peloton's pandemic fortunes beganwaning in 2021, and it appears that trend is continuing now a month and a half into the new year. According to a CNBC report, Peloton has decided to temporarily halt production of its connected exercise bikes and treadmills amid weak consumer demand.

Citing a confidential internal company presentation, CNBC reports that Peloton will stop producing its original bike from February to March. Although Peloton CEO John Foley says the rumors are false that it is halting all production. Rather they are at least "adjusting" production, writing the company feels "good about right-sizing [its] production" and was "resetting [its] production levels for sustainable

growth."

Savvy home fitness folks may want to take advantage of some marked-down discounts. Reportedly Peloton bikes are down as much as \$500-600 a bike from its peak. Peloton does like the fact that it has retained 92 percent of its yearly subscribers.

Boston Warriors AAU Basketball organization offering local tryouts

The Boston Warriors AAU Basketball organization would like to announce the 2022 Spring AAU tryouts.

The Boston Warrior AAU Basketball Program is one of the strongest programs in New England. Last year they had 14 teams qualify for the AAU National Championships. But it is not all about going to the national Championships. The Boston Warriors offer players of all talent level the possible opportunity to play competitive spring basketball. The size of each roster are kept manageable, and the program offers to play in the equivalent at least 7 tournaments in the spring and try to keep the price to play affordable.

Most of all, the Boston Warriors have provided very good coaching including a lot of skill work with real practices. This year they will offer multiple teams from 2nd grade to 12th grade. Players only need to tryout 1 time.

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10th grade: 6 p.m.; 11th grade: 7:30 p.m.; 12th & PG: 7:30 p.m.

For potential change in tryout times and/or to pre-register for the tryouts, please visit the website at www.bostonwarriors.com or contact (email or call) at Bostonwarriors@yahoo.com or 978-460-2122.

Pat Kiley (2008) was honored two straight years as one of the top players in the state by the Boston Globe and Herald and was a dominant player in the state for three years as Middlesex League MVP and League All-Star. Recognized by the Globe and Herald as an All-Scholastic, Kiley led her team to a sectional final.

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Massachusetts high school basketball considering more shot clock time

The MIAA basketball committee is in the process of gathering feedback from districts and constituents in preparing for a decision at the April 27 meeting of the adoption of a 35-second shot clock beginning in the 2022-23 season. Currently, the shot, which went into existence in high school basketball in this state in 1995-96, is 30 seconds.

There will also be a tweak to reset the shot clock to 20 seconds when there is an intentionally kicked or fisted ball with less than 19 seconds on the shot clock.

Jim Queeney (2009) becomes the new youngest member of the RMHS Hall of Fame as was an All-Scholastic in both Football and Lacrosse. As the inaugural Lacrosse recipient he is the elite program's all-time leading scorer with an astounding 214 points. A Boston Globe All Scholastic in hockey, she went on to play at Bowdoin College and was later a head coach of the UMass Boston women's hockey team.

Dominique Lozzi (2008) is in the handful of top girl athletes the school has known. A two-sport captain she received seven ML All-Star awards in Hockey and Lacrosse combined. She is girls hockey's all-time leading scorer with an astounding 214 points. A Boston Globe All Scholastic in hockey, she went on to play at Bowdoin College and was later a head coach of the UMass Boston women's hockey team.

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Reading Athletic Hall of Fame announces 2022 class

The RMHS Athletic Hall of Fame has announced its 2022 induction class. The class includes inductees from four different decades and a first-time team earning induction. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 123 Old River Road, Andover.

Barry Newell (Class of 1964) was a three-sport captain in Football, Track, Baseball. An Ingersoll Award recipient in Football. Decorated state level runner in the 1000. He went on to graduate first in his class at the MA State Police Academy where he served for 40 years.

Peter Rittenburg (1979) is another three-sport captain in Football and both

track seasons. Ingersoll Award recipient also in Football. Rittenburg still holds two track records at RMHS and was a state champion in 880. He also was an assistant boys track coach under Hal Croft for 12 years. Currently, he is the Athletic Director at Brookline High.

Chris Donegan (1994) joins the class as a key two-way player on the 1992

Tickets inductee.

Teams inducted are:

The 2001 Boys Tennis team's induction is a first for the sport in the team category. Their '01 outright

Middlesex League title is the only one ever by a school other than Winchester or Lexington in the ML boys full league format.

They went 17-1 and won their last 16 league matches.

The 2008 Boys Hockey team was the first public school to win the Super 8 championship. They went 25-1 and beat four Catholic schools along the tournament road.

Ticket information has not been released yet.

Answer to this week's question: Mike Martz.

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?

If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com.

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59 Center St #304 was sold to Pineo, Patricia F by Eleanor R Castellano RET and Peters, Catherine C for \$227,500 on 01/28/22

2 Georgia Dr #2 was sold to Sun, Hoi Cheong and Judy-Lee, Cheun Cheun by Taylor, Jateen and Amrolwala, Priyanki for \$800,000 on 01/27/22

2 Manhattan Dr was sold to Nichols, Paul R and Nichols, Laura G by Cascio, Raymond J and Cascio, Constance M for \$998,500 on 01/25/22

20 Mountain Rd was sold to Culen, Matthew by Ramirez, Raul and Ramirez, Lisa for \$655,000 on 01/27/22

12 Spring Valley Rd was sold to Great Const Services Inc by Saia, Joseph A and Saia, Deborah J for \$660,000 on 01/28/22

46 Washington Ave was sold to Singh, Divya and Upadhyay, Ghanshyam by Rajagopal, Jayabaskar and Jayabaskar, Niranjanji for \$738,000 on 01/24/22

LYNNFIELD

54 Ledge Rd was sold to Chen, Xiaoxin and Li, Bin by Bak, Julie and Bak, Steven M for \$850,000 on 01/27/22

NORTH READING

Concord St was sold to HRP Fordham LLC by Wilmington RT and Given, Annette M for \$60,000,000 on 01/25/22

15 Country Club Rd was sold to Heinstrom, Wayne C by Henchy Fredda G Est and Snyder, Howard M for \$430,000 on 01/31/22

11 Duane Dr was sold to Vath, Alexander J and Vath, Vanessa L by Vath, Pamela M for \$855,000 on 01/28/22

44 Main St #20 was sold to Gear, Edward J by Dibattista, Adam F for \$253,500 on 01/28/22

10 Washington St was sold to Johnson, Matthew and Johnson, Lisa by Cronkhite RET and Cronkhite, Darrel D for \$600,000 on 01/28/22

READING

120 Hanscom Ave was sold to Nitta, Carlos H and Nitta, Carolina F by Campbell, Andrew J and Campbell, Michelle B for \$780,000 on 01/26/22

171 Washington St was sold to Ohara, Sean and Ohara, Elizabeth C by Real D LLC for \$1,150,000 on 01/26/22

STONEHAM

3 Barbara Rd was sold to Burke, Kelsey J and Williamson, Zachary H by Coogan Shirley L Est and Nussenbaum, Adam for \$638,000 on 01/27/22

3 Hillside Rd was sold to Osullivan, Michael J by Costa Carol A Est and Wenzel, Paul C for \$725,000 on 01/31/22

122 Main St #201 was sold to Nuzzo, Pasquale by Kupov, Dmitry and Nikiforova, Elena for \$330,000 on 01/27/22

224 Park St #B2 was sold to Samsonov, Artour and Samsonov, Susan by Mazzola, Paul F and Mazzola, Pauline M for \$525,000 on 01/28/22

200 Park Terrace Dr #222 was sold to Russo, Stephen P by Comeau, Stella M for \$255,000 on 01/26/22

TEWKSBURY

110 Apache Way #110 was sold to Adeyinka, Benjamin O by Zanni, Dana P for \$428,000 on 01/27/22

32 Brentwood Rd was sold to Mahoney-Rafferty, Brittany and Mahoney-Rafferty, Shannon by Sheehan Jr, Richard T and Sheehan, Patricia A for \$683,000 on 01/28/22

7 Crescent St was sold to Callahan, Timothy J and Callahan, Dawn M by David S Beattie IRT and Beattie, David F for \$250,000 on 01/31/22

119 French St was sold to Cutietta, Frank J by Reitano, Carol M for \$570,000 on 01/24/22

Grammys Way #3 was sold to Cohen, Nancy A by Jeannette B Sullivan FT

and Sullivan Jr, John F for \$425,000 on 01/27/22

7 Louis Rd was sold to Decker, Lisa D by Hunt RT and Fallica, Carolyn for \$675,000 on 01/31/22

8 Mount Joy Dr was sold to Beausoleil, Jared and Beausoleil, Amanda by Cote, Kevin and Cote, Colleen for \$925,000 on 01/28/22

11 Mount Joy Dr was sold to Cote, Kevin V and Cote, Colleen by S Cambriello RET 2018 and Quinton, Giannamarie for \$719,000 on 01/31/22

125 Patrick Rd #125 was sold to Karschner, Kyle by Picco, Christopher for \$425,000 on 01/31/22

38 Patten Rd was sold to Carmona 3rd, Daniel G and Carmona, Shaina N by Savastano, Michelle R for \$515,000 on 01/31/22

445 Pinnacle St was sold to Mcconnell, Robert A and Mcconnell, Rose C by Mahoney Paul D Sr Est and Isaacman, Tammie for \$600,000 on 01/27/22

4 Robert Cir was sold to Zhang, Yan L by Mcguilligudd Karen J Es and Snider, Tracy M for \$505,000 on 01/27/22

1635 Shawsheen St was sold to NLA Realty LLC by Mag Venture Group LLC for \$3,500,000 on 01/27/22

1047 South St was sold to Akuei, David L and Ngot, Amou by Tewksbury Home Build Inc for \$270,000 on 01/27/22

180 Terramor Dr was sold to Sauter, Douglas J and Sauter, Marissa L by AMG Development LLC for \$824,900 on 01/31/22

215 Terramor Dr was sold to Vo, Andy D and Vo, Angela S by AMG Development LLC for \$905,000 on 01/31/22

57 Melvin St was sold to Heitz, Joseph R by RAC Properties RT and Cicchetti, Robert A for \$980,000 on 01/27/22

17 Fosters Ln was sold to Flannagan, Andrew W and Flannagan, Sara K by Noonan, Kevin for \$580,000 on 01/27/22

12 Furness Cir was sold to Hughes, Kevin M and Kwalek-Hughes, Amy by Tate, Suzan C for \$835,943 on 01/24/22

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After 45 minutes, with tensions high, the chairman held a 10 minute recess and warned that any further attempt to talk would result in the room being cleared. When the committee came back, Bourgois stepped up to the microphone and said, "Mr. Chairman, please let me speak."

And he, and the rest of the spectators, were kicked out of the building.

Outside, Bourgois was incredibly proud of those who came.

He said, "What a surprise! Keith can't listen! But a lot of residents DID."

Parsons walked out with the union. In a statement on behalf of himself, he said to residents:

"If residents feel like they don't have a voice, they do, and they shouldn't have to worry about censorship during public meetings."

Najimy, President of the Massachusetts Teachers Association said, "It is quite appalling that we have educators putting their lives on the line for the past two years for their students. The anti-democratic, anti-women disrespect we were rewarded with by the chairman proves what we are trying to do."

A former TMHS science teacher also attempted to speak, but was repeatedly interrupted throughout the allotted time, and as she was stopped, she gave this statement: "My three minutes may be up, but my fight for free speech is not done."

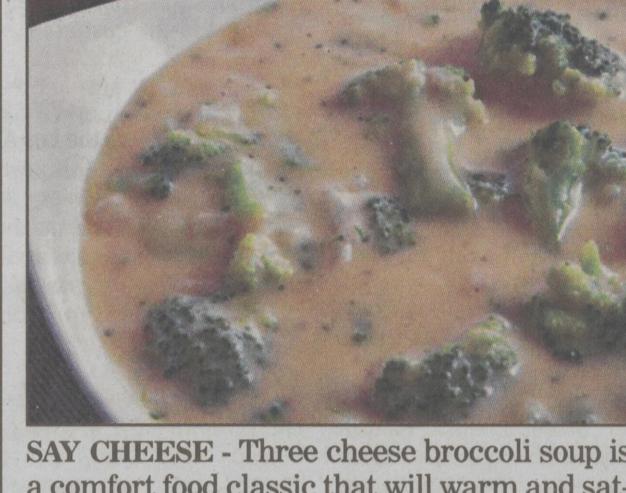
In a statement from Wall after the meeting, she said, "Chairman Sullivan imposes limits on speech he doesn't agree with. He lets some groups speak for an hour and a half without question. I felt disrespected as a taxpayer. His job is to listen to constituents, and it is so hypocritical how they don't follow their own policies."

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Sullivan was not pleased with the presence of the Teachers Association, stating throughout the meeting:

"This is not a circus...This is not a personal conversation...We're getting heckled, disrespected, and yelled at..we are not here to talk about the contract..We are not here for your political agenda, we are not looking

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SLOW-COOKER THREE CHEESE BROCCOLI SOUP

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
- 1 carton (32 oz) Progresso™ chicken broth (4 cups)
- 1 bag (16 oz) frozen baby broccoli florets, thawed
- 8 oz Kraft™ Velveeta™ Original cheese product (from 16-oz box), cubed
- 1 1/2 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese (6 oz)
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese (4 oz)
- Additional shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese, if desired

SAY CHEESE - Three cheese broccoli soup is a comfort food classic that will warm and satisfy the whole family. Get everything ready with just 15 minutes of prep, and your slow cooker will do the rest.

STEPS

1. Spray 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray.

In 2-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onions, pepper and salt; cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally, until tender. Stir in flour. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Gradually stir in evaporated milk until smooth. Pour mixture into

slow cooker. Stir in broth and thawed broccoli.

2. Cover; cook on Low heat setting 4 to 4 1/2 hours or until hot but not simmering.

3. Add cheese cubes to slow cooker; stir until melted. Sprinkle individual servings with additional cheddar cheese; stir until

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3-A Buckman St was sold to McHugh, Joseph M and McHugh, Debra A by Connolly, Kathleen D for \$300,000 on 01/26/22

16 Lowell St was sold to Tocci, Cynthia L by Kerr, Irene E and Allen, Victor K for \$889,000 on 01/28/22

89-A Mishawum Rd was sold to 89a Mishawum Woburn LLC by Swynda Scott G Est and Sowynda, Eric J for \$478,000 on 01/24/22

42 Mount Pleasant St was sold to Melo, Gregory J and Melo, Kayla L by White, Cowan and White, Christina for \$510,000 on 01/31/22

15 Nashua St was sold to Rones-Antoine, Jean and Romulus, Stephane by Fallon, Jane and Fallon, Jonathan for \$520,000 on 01/28/22

27 Revere Rd was sold to Zaffetti, Alan J by Pizzo, Evelyn C for \$600,000 on 01/28/22

57 Sturgis St was sold to Northcreek Corp by Culhane, Patricia and Culhane, David for \$552,500 on 01/31/22

64 Willow St was sold to Donnellan, Mark by Saccia, Susan E for \$534,900 on 01/27/22

230 Winn St was sold to Fantasia, Michael H and Fantasia, Maryellen by Catholic Cmty Fund for \$850,000 on 01/26/22

11 Winning Farm Rd #11 was sold to Liwang, Rose by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$739,900 on 01/24/22

WILMINGTON

4 Dorothy Ave was sold to Pasro RET and Rotondi, Michael by Jensen, Christopher J and Jensen, Alan R for \$560,000 on 01/24/22

17 Fosters Ln was sold to Flannagan, Andrew W and Flannagan, Sara K by Noonan, Kevin for \$580,000 on 01/27/22

22 Shady Ave was sold to Spear, Donald and Spear, Anita by Pinecrest Realty Vent LL for \$916,000 on 01/26/22

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Tewksbury Police Log

Woman arrested for OUI after car stuck on tracks

Monday, February 7

1:39 a.m. - Police received a call on the business line from Motel 6 front desk who stated she received a call from a guest who was out smoking a cigarette on his balcony and observed two cars parked behind iHope, who appeared to be having sex in one of the vehicles. Police sent. Both parties were meeting there to take her car back.

8:04 a.m. - Caller at Pike Street reported two of his unlocked vehicles were opened and "rifled through" overnight. He did not believe anything was taken. He was on his way to work at this time, but would review his camera to see if anything can be seen. Police sent. The vehicles were gone through and police

filed a report.

Tuesday, February 8

12:05 a.m. - A 911 call from Ames Hill Drive for the sound of patio chairs being dragged. Police sent. They reportedly made contact with the caller and checked the area with no foot prints found. All units were cleared.

11:11 a.m. - A black Caravan drove erratically at Whipple Road and Chandler Street heading southbound. Police sent and they checked the length of Whipple but they were unable to locate.

12:04 p.m. - Male customer refused to leave over gas prices at Speedway Gas Station. Police sent. There was a misunderstanding with the gas prices not be-

ing changed by 10 cents. No threats were made and a corporation number was provided to the customer.

1:07 p.m. - A suspicious vehicle has been parked at North Street School and the operator was claiming to be a private investigator. Police sent. The operator was spoken to and advised of the private investigation check in process.

10:33 p.m. - A vehicle was stuck on the train tracks behind Cumberland Farms. There were no trains scheduled for a few hours. Police sent. Elaine Hanvey, 51, of 27 Laurell St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor.

Wednesday, February 9

6:18 p.m. - Police out

with a male party walking down Andover Street in dark clothes and looking down at his phone. Police reported the male party was waiting for his mom and was picked up.

Thursday, February 10

4:15 p.m. - A black male very animated in the parking lot punched the air at Walgreens. Females wearing a peach hoodie in a Jeep Cherokee was suspicious. Police sent and filed a report.

9:08 p.m. - Caller reported a dark four door Sedan has been in front of her house for over an hour at Pine Street, other cars came to it, and they passed off duffle bags or backpacks. Police sent. The vehicle has flats and the other cars were family

members. AAA enroute and the caller notified.

10:03 p.m. - Eric Rummel, 33, of 24 Lovett Lane in Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with threats to commit crime/assault.

Friday, February 11

1:21 a.m. - Received call reported dog barking at Main Street. Contact was made with dog's owner and he will bring in the dog.

lice sent. Doors were checked and secure.

Saturday, February 12

7:16 p.m. - America Alarm Company reported there was a suspicious white van in the parking lot at EBP Supply Solutions. No information on the vehicle. Police sent. They did a second walk through with the key holder and the van was a mechanic van.

Sunday, February 13

12:42 a.m. - A 911 call from Livingston Street for suspicious person out in Livingston Street with a flashlight. Police sent. The flashlight was for two females trying to find their car they parked in the area.

11:55 a.m. - Calling party wanted to log suspicious person at Bank of America ATM. Party described as masked wearing large puffy jacket and utilizing both ATM machines.



Wilmington Police Log

Male party arrested for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle

Thursday, February 3:

9:12 a.m. - A resident on Cypress Street and Glen Road reported that their mirror was foggy, appearing as though someone had broken it by throwing something at it. Police arrived and observed the cracks, pronouncing it vandalism.

3:47/4:30 p.m. - A calling party at a business on Fordham Road reported that they had fired an employee who now refused to leave their green 2016 Acura MDX until they got a ride and a check. The employee was eventually coaxed out of the vehicle, but the party called back at 4:30 p.m. to report that the employee stole two GPS units and the keys to another truck. Police arrived again and restored peace, returning the stolen items and transporting the employee away. The business owners declined to press charges.

Friday, February 4:

10:31 a.m. - Police received a report of a white 2020 Hino 268A that struck the train gates at MBTA North

Wilmington on Middlesex Avenue. Keolis was notified and informed police that no trains were expected any time soon, while also coming and repairing the gates. The operator reported that the gates came down on his vehicle as he passed over the tracks following the passage of a train.

11:43 p.m. - A walk-in party reported that a catalytic converter and a salt spreader were stolen from a vehicle on Main Street.

Saturday, February 5:

3:17 p.m. - A calling party on Isabella Way reported that the DPW blocked her into her driveway with snow, with this not being the first time something of this nature happened. The party requested the DPW come and fix their error while she filed a complaint. Police communicated this to the DPW.

3:27 p.m. - A caller reported that a male party on Shawsheen Avenue and Reed Street was riding a skateboard in the middle of the road while waving at everyone. The caller feared the skateboarder might

be high. Police attempted, but were unable to locate the party.

5:53 p.m. - Police, medical aid, and the fire department reported to the scene of a gray 2010 Ford Focus rollover on Liberty Street and Federal Street. The road was eventually cleared.

Sunday, February 6:

2:51 a.m. - Police responded to a suspicious white 2020 Mercedes GLE at Cumberland Farm Gulf Gas Station on Main Street. The vehicle was found to have front end damage and a note stating that it struck a deer and the operator had taken an Uber while the vehicle was picked up by AAA.

2:58 p.m. - A caller at the Town Beach on Burnap Road reported that they were at the playground with their daughter when a male party approached and began to speak about planes, stating that they were from the FBI and had been flying for years. The man then left to speak to others before leaving the beach. Police checked the

surrounding area, but could not find anyone.

Monday, February 7:

7:18 a.m. - An employee on Middlesex Avenue reported that the cab of one of their trucks had been entered on the previous Saturday at approximately 10 p.m., although nothing had been taken. The caller alleged that security footage from inside the truck was available. Police arrived, but the truck was making deliveries and not immediately available, so the incident was logged.

11:08 a.m. - A caller on Gowing Road reported that a black 2016 BMW 320i from the area was speeding in the neighborhood. Police spoke to traffic authorities and the involved party, who admitted to speeding and promised it would no longer happen.

Tuesday, February 8:

9:46 a.m. - A vehicle was broken into during the night on Horseshoe Lane.

11:42 a.m. - A motorcycle was stolen on Chestnut Street.

7:58 p.m. - A caller on Avalon Drive reported that a male party had been yelling for the last 15 minutes. When police arrived, the area was quiet and a female resident testified to the fact that nothing was going on.

Wednesday, February 9:

1:07 a.m. - Patrick T. Duval of 234 Nesmith St., Apartment #5 in Lowell was arrested for Warrant All Others. This followed report from CVS on Main Street, where an employee reported that a man was stealing condoms after having been hanging out of the store, going in and out for nearly two hours. The employee called back and reported that they got the condoms back and that the male party was standing outside. A no trespass order was completed by CVS.

7:50 a.m. - Multiple calls were received regarding the train gates on Glen Road being down for an extended period of time, even though no train had come through. Although a train passing did not correct the issue, Keolis re-

sponded and got traffic flowing once more. Nearby buses were notified and Keolis remained on scene to assist.

10:36 a.m. - A walk-in party from Upton Drive reported that one of her co-workers had left flowers and a letter for her on her vehicle.

Thursday, February 10:

6:57 a.m. - Police responded to a school bus complaint on Glen Road and Gandalf Way, where several cars had been reported going through the stopped bus's light. Police followed the bus and observed, but saw no further incidents.

8:38 a.m. - Patrick D. Panneese III of 17 Rice St. in Saugus was arrested for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority. This followed a report of a 2021 Chevy Silverado being stolen from MA Repair Lot 790W, after which it was found at Classic Soft Trim of Boston on Industrial Way. K9 responded as a black 2020 Toyota Camry was taken from Industrial Way, eventually being caught after a report from an employee of Scully Signal.

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School honor roll for Tewksbury

BILLERICA — Shawnee Valley Technical High School has released the names of students who have achieved honor roll status for second quarter. To be eligible for Honor Roll, students must receive a minimum grade of "B" in every course, and High Honor Roll achievers must receive an "A" in every course. Shawnee serves more than 1300 students in grades 9-12 from Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. The students listed below embody Shawnee's mission "Dedicated to Excellence in Education."

TEWKSBURY

High Honor Roll: Mason Boudreau, Noah Brooks, Ashley Cashell, Cassandra Conti, Adrianna Damiano, Mikayla Day, Adrianna DiGiacomo, Jayden Donaher, Finley Dunham, Trevor Engel, Candace Fitzgerald, Brenda Follett, James Forbes, Lindsey Frontain, Christopher Gagnon, Kaylin Gannon, Dale Gardner, Jared Gardner, Kaylee Giles, Alyssa Gray, Vincent Hussey Cerqueira, Tyler Kopacz, John Krisko, Nishwala Lamsal, Taylor Mills, Kendra Minghella, Makayla Nolan, Gabriela Ortiz, Alanna Paquin, Lily Pare, Noah Pare, Nathan Petrone, Cameron Preble,

Aaron Ramsey, Matthew Ramsey, Katrina Realejo, Kyle Realejo, Caleigh Shanahan, Alexa Strong, Jason Svendsen, Maxwell Tempesta, Sangeth Thayaaparan, Julianne Welch.

Honor Roll: June Bardsley, Cade Barron, Charlene Bartolone, Eric Bellavia, Daedon Bere, Mia Bisso, Reighan Blaikie, Zachary Brandano, Connor Broderick, Jessica Brooks, Quinn Brown, Calli Burke, Brianna Caccamesi, Daniel Carnavale, Isaiah Castronova, Robin Chase, Ashley Cicotelli, Christina Conti, Jade Crawford, Dante D'Alleva, Makenna Diaz, Gabriella DiSalvo, Anna Doughty, Edward Doyle, Madelyn Duggan, Addison Dunham, Simon Dunham, Emily Erickson, William Erickson, Holly Fell, Ava Ferreira, Ryan Fifield, Matthew Flavin, Matthew Flynn, Corrine Foley, Tyler Forristall, Nicholas Foster, Tyler Francois, Lauren Frontain, Kaylee Gaffney, Evan Galanis, Nathan Galanis, Ashley Gamache, Bianca Garofalo, Samuel Gennetti, Crystal Gerry, Savanna Gervais, Elisabeth Gibson, Nicholas Gonzalez, Mason Haines, Ashley Harris, Noah Healey, Logan Helm, Skylar Helm, Ethan Hines, Luke Holland, Jonathan Huereau, Adam Ippolito, Nathaniel Jean-Francois, Evelyn Johnson, Kaitlin Karlberg, Morgan Kelly, Jared Krueger, Rebecca

Langone, Liliana Lewis, Morgan Lindsey, Jason Lombardi, Lindsey Lombardo, Ryan MacKeen, Aliza Maher, Tyler Martey, Jacob Martel, Olivia Maxwell, Lauren Mazzei, Kasey McFadden, Jocelyn Metcalfe, Vince Miano, Trevor Middleton, Kayla Mirisola, Jason Mitchell, Sean Morgan, Sidney Murphy, Victor Mwangi, Grace Nashaway, Seamus Naughton, Felix Navarrete, Derek Nazzaro, Bella-Jennie Nelson, Liana Nelson, Analisa Nicosia, Elizabeth Ober, Andrew Oliveira, Allie Oliver, Rachael Ostiguy, Anthony Pellegrino, Jeremy Perez, Kristin Picanco, Joshua Pinto, Samantha Polcaro, Julia Postorok, Christian Rainone, Katrina Raymond, Tayla Reinhard, Emily Rizzo, Harlee Roberts, Emma Roche, Julia Romel, Benjamin Rosato, Jake Ryan, Evan Sarno, Jason Scaringi, Isabella Schena, Brenda Schubert-Raimundo, Jared Shreenan, Patrick Smith, Andrew Sockey, Jeramani Soto, Jack Sovie, Paul Spanos, Roland Spengler, Logan Sproul, Erica Spurr, David Stanizzi, Thomas Strob, Tyler Sutherland, Ashley Talbot, Methun Thayaaparan, McKenzie Tingella, Ethan Torrisi, Alexis Torro, Darien Tran, Julian Valerio, Arianna Walker, Alyssa Wallace, Logan Warwick, Darielle Wilson, Mia Zani.

Cummings, Gallant present at Lasell University Career Readiness Symposium

NEWTON — Kaitlin Cummings, a Lasell University student from Wilmington, and Madison Gallant, a Lasell University student from Tewksbury, participated in the institution's annual Career Readiness Symposium.

Cummings presented original clay figure sculptures as part of a class exhibit, "This is Me: Self Reflections in Clay."

Said Professor Deborah Baldizar, "The students in this course created thought-provoking ceramic work that addresses topics such as portraiture beyond mere

likeness and what it means to be human using animals and objects as metaphor."

The presentation incorporated the NACE competencies of equity & inclusion and career & self-development.

Gallant represented Lasell's student-run radio station, WLAS, which plays programming at 102.9FM and streams on iHeart Radio. The project incorporated the NACE competencies of professionalism, leadership, equity & inclusion, and career & self-development.

Gallant is the loud rock

music director for WLAS. Lasell's Career Readiness Symposium takes place every fall and asks students to present original research, projects, or field skills that align with core career competencies shared by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

Part of the Symposium's goal is to collectively assist students in identifying and pursuing opportunities that allow them to become proficient in those areas as preparation for successful transitions into the workplace.

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Wilmington's Olympic Champion, Jeanne Ashworth

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Was there ever a time when Jeanne wasn't a champion?

The short answer is No. Jeanne Ashworth first learned to skate on a small pond near Lowell Street in the late 1940s. Her folks had an ice cream business and a candy shop, and Jeanne would go across the street to skate.

She became fascinated with the story of Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates. When she heard of a competition in Boston Garden called the Silver Skates, she was determined to enter it.

For Bay State skaters, the Silver Skates was a major event. Hundreds of Wilmington fans would make an annual trek to the Garden. Eventually, Wilmington's "honorary mayor," George Spanos, would charter a train, taking as many as 1200 fans to the Silver Skates.

At age eight, Jeanne knew nothing about speed skate racing. But she took her figure skates, paid a 25-cent entry fee and went to Boston wearing a costume her mother had sewn. She made her way around the track often using her toes. But she caught the racing bug.

Four years later at age 12, she won the Juvenile Girls' Derby at the Silver

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Gymnastics team finishes regular season, 6-1

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

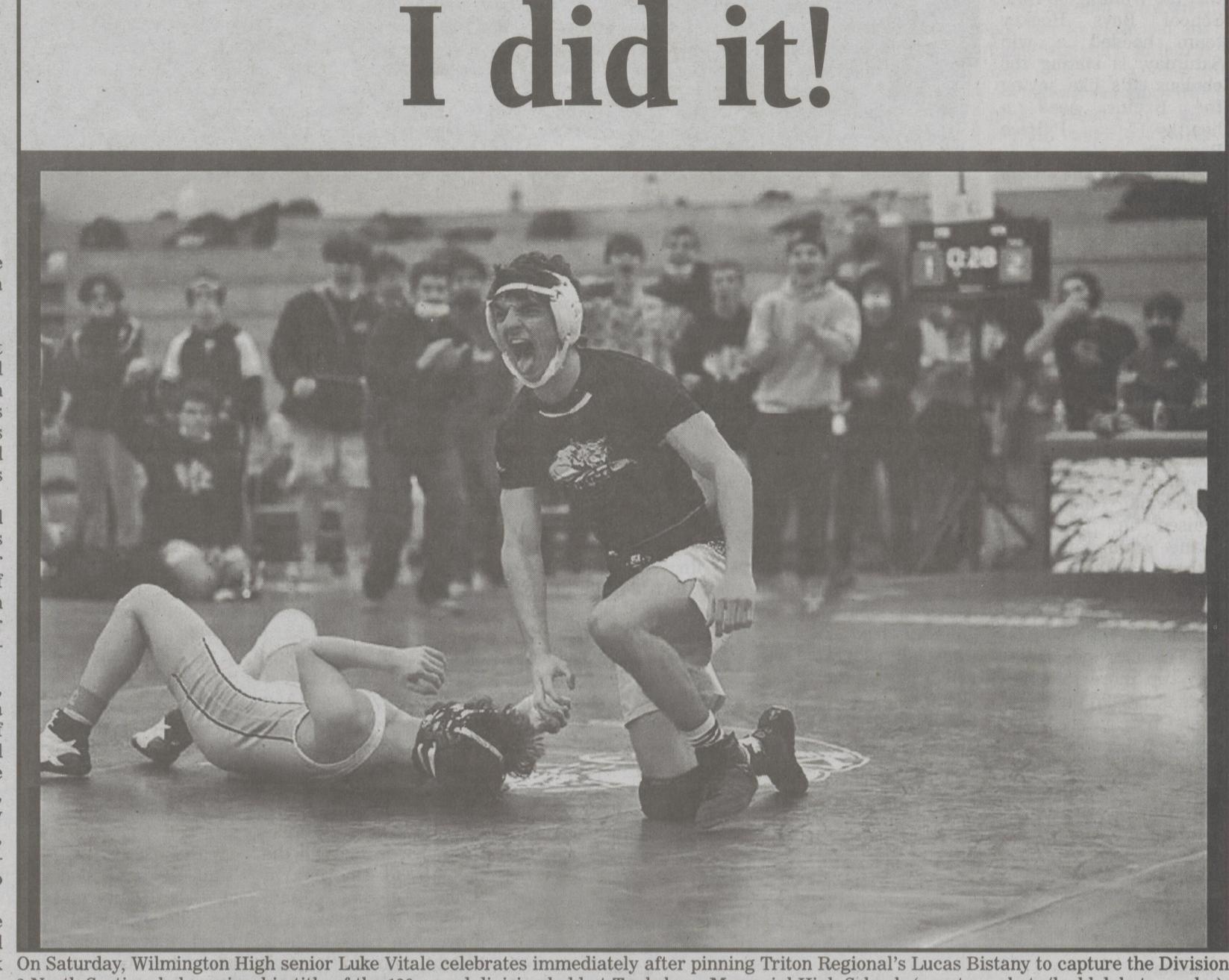
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WILMINGTON - The first year Wilmington/Bedford Co-Ed/Co-Op Gymnastics team completed its absolutely incredible regular season with two more victories over Melrose and Arlington, putting the team's at 7-1 overall, including a seven-meet win streak to end the season, which is all good enough for second place in the Middlesex League standings.

Monday night's 141.15-131.25 win over Arlington was held on Senior Night. Six gymnasts, including Wilmington's Jenna Danieli and Bedford residents Jaida Edey, Madison Marchionna, Sophia Mola, Tyler Rauch and Sasha Wintner, were honored before the meet.

"Every senior available was out there competing for the team," said head coach Kristen Hannon. "Sasha Wintner put out an amazing beam routine with a season high 9.45. I am so proud of all of the kids, especially the seniors for working hard all season and every kid on this team stepping up to compete throughout the eight regular season meets."

Five of the six seniors were in the line-up, as Edey was injured. Danieli competed in three events with scores of 8.4 on the bars, 8.25 on the floor and 7.8 on the vault. Rauch finished with a 7.85 on the vault and a 7.5 on the floor. Marchionna had three impressive performances, with an 8.5 on the bars and 8.2 scores on both the vault and floor exercise. Mola competed in one event, finishing with a 7.3 on the



On Saturday, Wilmington High senior Luke Vitale celebrates immediately after pinning Triton Regional's Lucas Bistany to capture the Division 3 North Sectional championship title of the 126-pound division held at Tewksbury Memorial High School. (Courtesy photo/leahkdphotography).

Vitale gets redemption; wins D3 North Sectional Title

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TEWKSBURY - Two years ago - before COVID came - then sophomore Luke Vitale was enjoying a fantastic first-year season as a member of the Wilmington High School wrestling team. At the Division 3 sectional meet, he advanced to the finals, getting pinned by the top seed.

After the loss, then head coach Joel McKenna praised the efforts of the tenth grader, who a week later, got a taste of the state meet, going 1-2.

"Luke is playing with house money right now," said McKenna. "He is a first-year wrestler and he's a sectional finalist.

He has I think close to twenty wins this season and that's a great accomplishment, especially for a first-year wrestler. He has a lot of room to grow. He gets to move on to the state meet which will be a great experience for him and we look for him to continue to improve and grow as a wrestler."

That growth has now carried over to his senior year. On Saturday, Vitale, now a senior, not only avenged the sectional championship loss with a win, but he defeated an opponent, who just a few weeks back, stung Vitale pretty good.

"The last time I faced (Triton Regional's Lucas Bistany) was our senior night. I slammed his face

on the mat three times, but he ended up pinning me," said the pretty hyped up Vitale, seconds after his win. "Today, I had a lot of anger going into this (final match). I just took control, used my muscles and I'm just fired up today, just fired up. My heart is beating fast."

Before getting to the finals, Vitale first pinned Quinn Fogarty of Melrose at the 1:27 mark and then also pinned Andrew Valley of Wakefield in the semi-finals at the 3:11 mark. That put him in the final, where he pinned Bistany in just 92 seconds.

"This means so much. I worked a lot for this, every day, grinding, cutting weight and this just feels good. I did this on a

lot of heart and it takes a lot of heart (to have success)," said Vitale. "I lost in the sectional final two years ago so this just made me want to work that much harder for this day to happen, all the grind, and all of the work. Now I'm going to states, I'm going to compete and hopefully win."

First-year head coach Peter Mitchell said that throughout this entire season Vitale has worked for this sectional title.

"What a great way to cap your senior year with a sectional championship title," Mitchell said. "I know how bad he wanted this. For him to get down into that weight class was a challenge for him all season. It's been a chal-

lenging season in itself with everything that has gone on, so I'm just so proud of how he persevered throughout this crazy season."

Vitale along with teammate Julien Cella will now compete in this weekend's D3 State Meet which will take place Friday and Saturday in Fitchburg at the Game on facility.

"Two great wins - so having two people in the finals and then having them both become champions is just so great for this program and just so nice to see that all of the hard work is paying off for all of these guys," said Mitchell.

Sophomore Cella also locks down title

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TEWKSBURY - Ever since he was in the first grade, Julien Cella has wrestled. Save for two years where he went to Reading, he has worked his way up through the youth ranks here in Wilmington, gaining experience and knowledge in the sport.

On Saturday, Cella, was pretty electric on the mat. Fully aware of his surroundings, the score and taking to heart advice from his coaches, the sophomore completely dominated his opponent, Luke Etheridge of Excel Academy, 15-0, to capture

the Division 3 North Sectional 138-pound championship title held at Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Cella becomes the 26th sectional champion in program history, the 21st different individual to accomplish it, and also the fifth sophomore to do it, following Billy Tate (1995), Derek Hanley (2001), Steve Sughrue (2007) and Joe Ganley (2019).

Besides his self awareness, Cella also is extremely strong, especially his lower part of his body, which made it difficult for Etheridge to get out of a number of near-pins, before Cella finally

earned the major decision victory.

"He's a strong kid. As a sophomore you can already see that he has some advanced moves already down. Hopefully he continues to be a work in progress as we continue into his future. We're looking forward to having him in the program the next two years," said head coach Peter Mitchell.

Cella said that he had a prior match with Etheridge.

"I wrestled him in the first meet of the season and I beat him in like forty-something seconds. I had fair expectations going into this one that I was going to win, so I just

wanted to get it done," he said.

Cella had leads of 5-0 and 13-0 after each of the first two rounds, getting the majority of those points on takedowns and back points. He was in complete control of this match and he knew it.

"(Being more self aware) started more this year. Last year I was doing a bit better but I would use a lot more force and this year I've used a lot more technique (so I'm listening to my coaches more)," he said. "I've been doing a lot more leg rides and I tried to finish that kid off with a leg scissor and then scoop his head, but I wasn't able to

get that. Then I switched to a cradle (to all but put him away)."

Leading 13-0, Cella got two more points in the early stages of the third period coming on a reversal to officially win the match. When he got the reverse, he immediately stopped competing and raised his hand celebrating the victory, although the referee didn't officially end the match just yet.

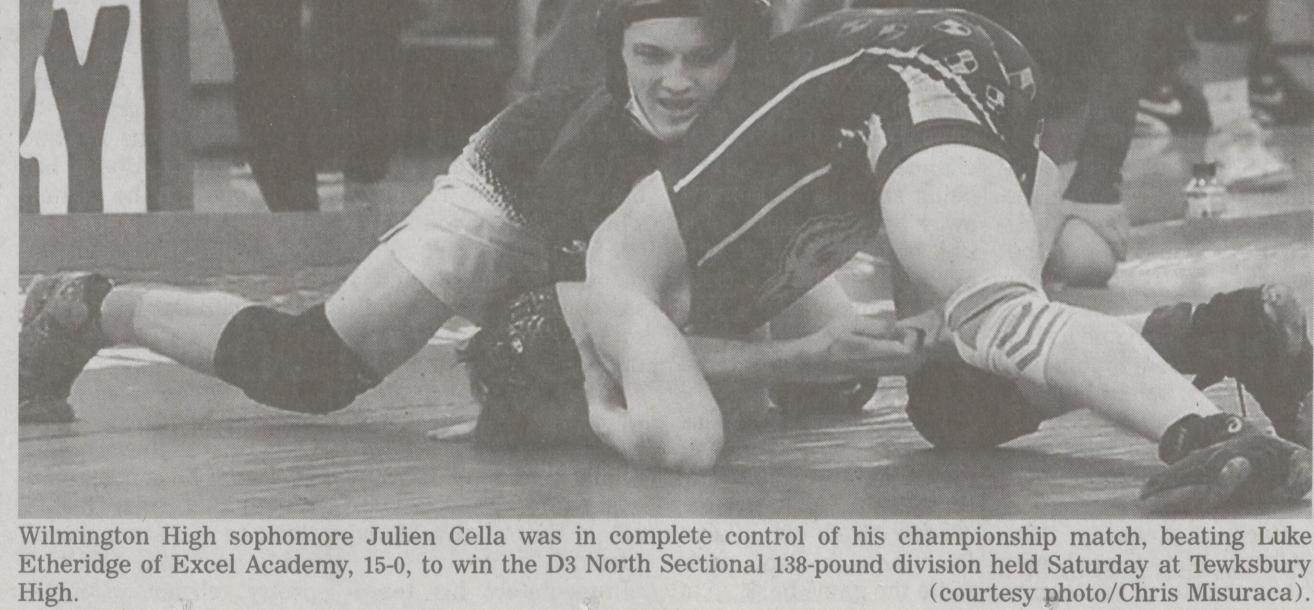
"I knew it was 13-0 and I reversed him for two points, so it had to add up to 15," he said.

The sectional win puts Cella into this weekend's Division 3 State Meet, which begins Friday and concludes Saturday out in Fitchburg.

"I'm just looking forward to next week. I expect to do well and place at the states and (my ultimate goal) is to place at all-states (the weekend after)," he said. "I expect to do well at states, at least I hope so and maybe I won't, but I have to work towards (accomplishing that feat)."

That - work - is never a problem when it comes to this talented grappler.

"Julien is only a sophomore and he works extremely hard. As a coaching staff, we couldn't be more proud of him. We are just so excited for the future with him," said Mitchell.



Wilmington High sophomore Julien Cella was in complete control of his championship match, beating Luke Etheridge of Excel Academy, 15-0, to win the D3 North Sectional 138-pound division held Saturday at Tewksbury High. (Courtesy photo/Chris Misuraca).

Hockey team honors military; defeat Melrose in overtime

Local Heroes Day at Ristuccia

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

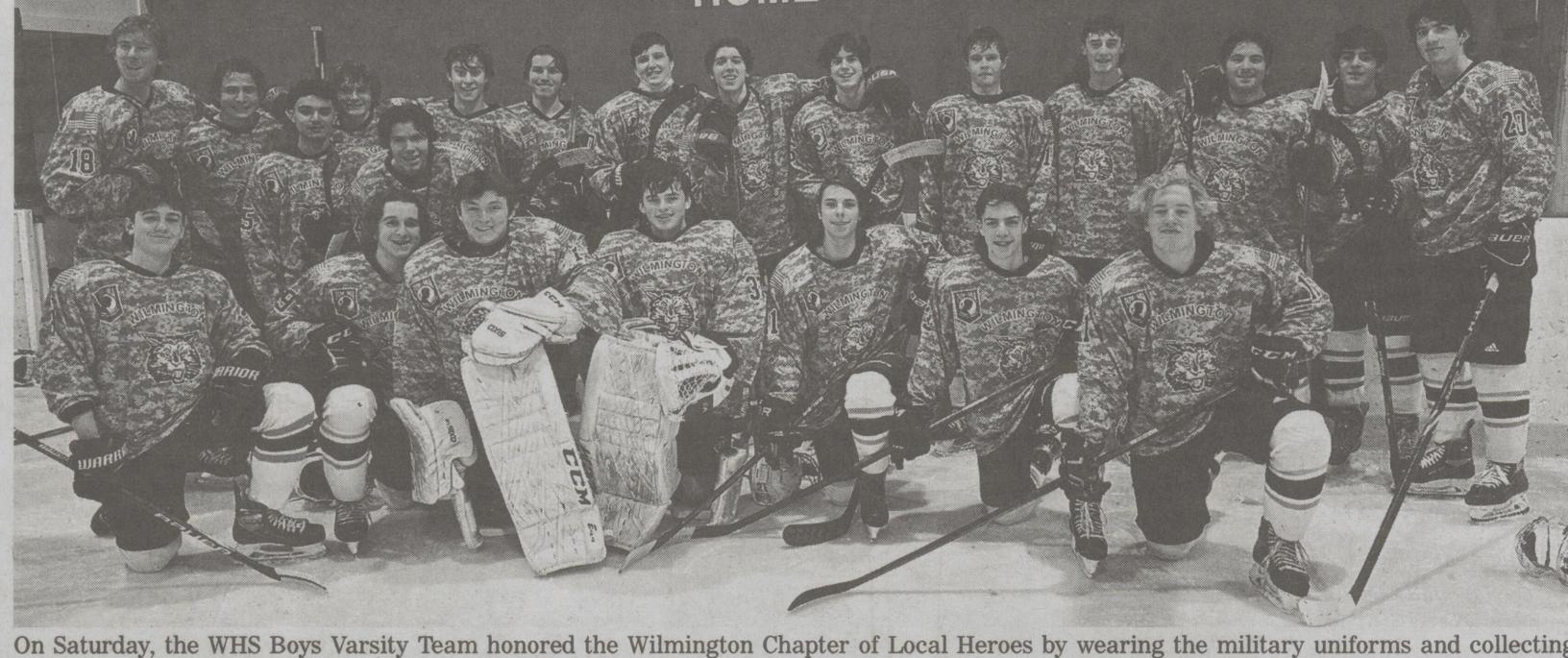
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WILMINGTON - Saying that the Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team needed a win Saturday, is stating the obvious. It's like saying the Bruins need a healthy Patrice Bergeron.

But really, the 'Cats needed this one.

And they got it, in dramatic fashion.

Just a minute into the 4-on-4 overtime period, senior Nate Alberti picked up a loose puck right in front of the Wildcats bench, just outside the Melrose blue line. As he picked up speed, he noticed he was on a 2-on-1, and suddenly it went to a 2-on-0 as the defenseman fell. Alberti cruised in, beat the goalie going upstairs with a backhand deak, his fourth goal of the game, which gave Wilmington the 4-3 victory. The four goals was also two more than the 'Cats scored in their previous five game combined, being outscored



On Saturday, the WHS Boys Varsity Team honored the Wilmington Chapter of Local Heroes by wearing the military uniforms and collecting food/goods on their behalf. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

11-2.

The win pushes the 'Cats to 5-11-1 overall, while it also ended a five-game winless streak, with the last 'W' coming nearly a month ago on January 17th.

The Melrose game was also a part of the annual 'Military Day' with the team and its fans honoring 'Local Heroes' with a

collection of items going directly to the Wilmington Chapter of Local Heroes.

With the loss, Melrose falls to 1-16-1 overall, the lone win a 3-2 decision over the 'Cats two days before that last victory.

"A win is a win and it's been a long time coming," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "I

thought we played pretty good for most of the game. It was a solid three periods. I knew despite (Melrose's record) that (the Wilmington kids) were going to play hard against them. I'm hoping this maybe will start something for us and maybe we can get over a bump and beat some teams at the end of the regular season."

Just 4:12 into the game, Melrose scored to take the quick lead. With the face-off to the left of 'Cats goalie Liam Crowley (25 saves), the draw went back to Jack Wright, who slid the puck over to Griffin Brady. He took a shot through traffic and the puck landed in the back of the net as Crowley never saw it.

Sixty-one seconds later, Wilmington tied it up.

Senior defenseman Matt Vinal made a nice play to

keep the puck inside the Melrose end, deflecting the puck off his body and onto the ice. From there,

he wound up and took a hard slap shot, which was tipped in front by Alberti for his first tally of the game.

The score remained the same thanks to two big saves by Crowley. Shortly after that, Alberti was sent in alone on a breakaway and was stuffed by

goalie Joseph Smith (20 saves) and the game

remained tied at 1-1 after the break.

At the 6:04 mark of the second period, the 'Cats

were called for a penalty

and 65 seconds later, Melrose took advantage, scoring a power-play goal as the strong skating Thomas Sullivan took the puck from the left side, before cutting to the middle and putting a shot to the top corner to make it 2-1.

Once again Wilmington came back. Just 1:57 later, Alberti scored on a wrist shot from the right dot with the puck landing inside the post to tie it up at 2-2.

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With 3:26 to go, Melrose

was finally called for its

first penalty of the game

and the 'Cats managed

two shots on net but

couldn't execute. That

forced overtime with

Alberti's fourth goal of

the afternoon.

"We have Burlington and Beverly and we always play Tewksbury good so the kids will be up for the game, so you never know. We're happy with this win today and maybe this can give us a little jump start," said Scanlon.

Last Wednesday, Wilmington was defeated by Watertown, 2-0.

"You know exactly what

you are getting with that

team. They work their

tails off and they have

good goaltending. We

outshot them, we played well and we battled with them the whole time. We

missed some big chances to score some goals," said the coach.

On Saturday, Wilmington will travel to

take on Burlington at 12

for a make-up game, before

hosting the extremely talented

Tewksbury (14-2) squad

Tuesday with the game

time being bumped to 2:30 pm. Then on the

24th, the 'Cats will wrap

up the regular season with a trip to Endicott

College to take on

Beverly.

Boys Hockey Power Rankings

Team	Division 2	Record	Rating
Tewksbury	13-1-0	3.3235	
Masconomet	13-2-0	3.0551	
Gloucester	10-4-0	2.7895	
Duxbury	10-5-2	2.7399	
Canton	13-2-1	2.4317	
Walpole	8-5-1	1.9514	
Norwood	13-2-1	1.9463	
Newton South	7-6-0	1.8193	
Silver Lake	13-4-0	1.7009	
Plymouth North	7-5-1	1.5272	
Quincy	9-4-2	1.5272	
Newburyport	8-6-2	1.4687	
Wakefield	7-8-0	1.4478	
Marblehead	7-6-1	1.1583	
Dartmouth	7-3-1	1.1078	
Longmeadow	10-4-0	1.0001	
Concord-Carlisle	7-7-0	0.8646	
Algonquin	10-6-0	0.7977	
Beverly	6-8-1	0.7185	
Boston Latin	3-5-0	0.6371	
Westwood	8-6-1	0.6299	
North Attleboro	8-7-1	0.5433	
Wilmington	4-10-1	0.4979	
Westborough	9-6-1	0.4457	
Whitman-Hanson	5-10-0	0.4109	
Mansfield	5-6-1	0.2578	
Auburn	9-7-0	0.1610	
Somerset-Berkley	11-2-2	0.0746	
Haverhill	6-8-0	-0.2263	
Hopkinton	7-7-0	-0.3160	
Melrose	1-14-1	-0.4015	
Plymouth South	2-11-0	-0.4093	

If the season ended today, Minnechaug Regional would also qualify, and would play Plymouth South in a preliminary game with the winner going to play Tewksbury in the first round. Wilmington, if the season ended today, would travel to Plymouth North.

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Wildcats trying to halt three-game losing skid

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BURLINGTON - The last time the Wilmington High Boys Basketball team had faced Burlington High, back in mid-January at Cushing Gymnasium, the Wildcats had stuck with the Red Devils for a half, trailing by only two points after first 16 minutes, before eventually losing by 18 points.

Last Friday night, the Wildcats had a chance at redemption against the Red Devils, this time in Burlington. Once again, the Wildcats gave Burlington all they could handle, this time not just for a half, but for the entire game. Unfortunately, however, it was not enough, as they came out on the short end of a 74-68 loss, dropping their record on the season to 9-7, leaving them still one win shy of their tenth win in order to qualify for the state tournament.

This time around, the Wildcats actually got off to a slow start, trailing 26-16 after a wild first quarter, and 41-34 at the half before coming back to take the lead midway through the third quarter. The game was still tied at the end of three quarters, but Burlington pulled away down the stretch to pick up the victory.

The Wildcats were led on offense by senior Tommy Mallinson, who had a game high 29 points, while Will Doucette chipped in with 17 points and Ben Marvin had seven points and nine rebounds. Senior Tyler Rourke, meanwhile had eight points and four rebounds. It was not enough, however, to overcome the



Wilmington High Varsity Basketball player Ben Marvin flies over a Wakefield player while trying to play defense during an earlier season game.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

sharp shooting Red Devils, who had 11 three-pointers in the game, including five in their big first quarter.

"I thought we played pretty well for the most part," Wilmington coach Dennis Ingram said. "But I felt like any time we had

any miscommunication or defensive lapse, they made it count. Any time we lost track of one of their shooters, he was the one who would hit the shot."

That was especially the case for the Red Devils in the first quarter as they

put up 26 points behind the hot shooting of Shane Mahoney, Eric Sekyaya and Cedric Rodriguez, among others. Wilmington actually played pretty well in the first eight minutes with Doucette getting off to a hot start and scoring the Wildcats first nine points of the game, and Mallinson chipping in five of his own in the frame. Still, they found themselves trailing 26-16 at the end of one.

It was more of the same for the Wildcats in the second quarter, as they scored 18 points, with Mallinson, Marvin and Will Stuart all chipping in. But they were only able to make a small dent in the Burlington lead and headed to the locker room trailing by seven at 41-34.

With 5:50 left in the quarter, Rodriguez hit a three-pointer for Wilmington, giving them an eight point lead at 47-39. But suddenly, Wilmington went on a run, and by the time there was 4:30 left in the half, they had a 48-47 lead. Marvin, Mallinson and Rourke each keyed the 9-0 run, with Mallinson capping it off with a nice spin move to the hoop to give the Wildcats their first lead of the game.

Not to be forgotten however, was the play of Doucette, who early in the quarter, when others were struggling once again got the Wildcats off to a strong start, scoring the team's first five points of the quarter to keep his team in the game until his teammates got hot later in the quarter.

"Will played great," Ingram said. "He has kind of been having an up and down year, so it was really great to see him

play so well for the whole game. He is such an outstanding kid. He has played well in spurts at times, so it was great to see him do that for us. He is a great kid and he has been a great leader for us."

A pair of Doucette free throws tied the score at 54-54 with two minutes left in the half, and a basket by Rourke in the closing seconds tied it at 56-56 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats trailed all night, but actually got the lead down to ten points midway through the fourth quarter before North Reading went on a big run to close out the game and turn it into a rout.

"This was not an overall great effort by us," Ingram said. "North Reading was too tough and too good for us tonight."

Wilmington will have three chances to get the one win over a span of six days. On Thursday night, the 'Cats will travel to Triton for a 6:30 pm match-up, before coming home to face Shawsheen Tech on Monday at 2 pm and then Watertown on Wednesday for an 11:00 am contest.

After Tuesday's loss, Mallinson has 907 career points, needing 93 to reach the elite 1,000 point plateau.

D2 Power Rankings Update

Wilmington is currently the 49th ranked team with its 9-6 record. The Wildcats need one more win in their last five to qualify under the .500 mark or better rule, regardless of their power rank. If they do get the one win, and things remain the same, a total of 45 teams would qualify and Wilmington would play the #24 seed Oliver Ames.

As Ingram said, the Wildcats have a tough week ahead of them, and it got off to a tough start on Tuesday night, with an



Wilmington High senior guard Rita Roche pushes the ball up the court during an earlier season home game.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

looking in from the outside. The 'Wildcats would have to move up five places in their final four games and Tewksbury would have to move up

seven over their last six games or win five of their last six games to qualify with a .500 record.

Girls also trying to get back on track

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BURLINGTON - Unfortunately for the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team, they are no strangers to getting off to slow starts this season, as it has been a problem that has plagued them throughout the season, and has been one of the main reasons for their struggles.

But even for a team accustomed to slow starts, the Wildcats start last Friday night against Burlington was tough to take, as they scored just three points in the first quarter and eight in the first half, on their way to a 30-24 loss to drop their record on the season to 5-11.

Making the loss even more frustrating for the Wildcats was that they showed in the third quarter just how good of a team they can be at times, closing to within one point of the Red Devils before faltering in the fourth quarter.

"It's unfortunate that sort of start is not one we haven't experienced," Wilmington coach Jessica Robinson said. "We put ourselves in a hole and continue to struggle to dig ourselves out. We fail to show up ready to compete and it is just a snowball effect."

Both teams actually struggled to get much

going offensively in the first quarter, with neither team getting on the board until Wilmington freshman Eva Boudreau hit a free throw to make the score 1-0 with 3:50 left in the frame.

Burlington would lead 4-3 at the end of the first quarter, with Wildcats freshman Allie Delgenio scoring their only field goal.

The Wildcats stayed cold in the second quarter, but Burlington eventually began to heat up, or at least freshman Brooklyn Calder did, as she scored five straight points to start the quarter. Burlington would eventually lead 17-8 as the teams went to the half, mainly on the strength of a 13-0 run.

The Wildcats did go on a 5-0 run in the closing minutes on the strength of baskets by Cassidy Smith and Rita Roche to keep the game within reach.

Burlington appeared ready to put the game away, however, early in the third quarter, when they went out to a 21-9 lead with 5:35 left in the quarter. But the Wildcats suddenly caught fire, going on an 11-0 run over the final five and a half minutes to trail just 21-20 heading into the fourth quarter.

The run was keyed by four points by junior Jess Collins, three from Boudreau and two each

from Olivia Spizuoco and Cassidy Smith, with Smith bringing the Wildcats within one at 21-20 with one minute left in the half.

"The way we played in the third quarter is how we are capable of playing an entire game," Robinson said. "If we were able to do that, I think for at least half the game, we would have been successful in the end."

Unfortunately for the Wildcats their offensive woes continued for much of the fourth quarter. Meanwhile back-to-back three-pointers by Calder extended the Burlington lead to 29-20 with 2:55 left. Still, the Wildcats did not quit with Collins knocking down consecutive buckets within seven seconds of each other to make the score 29-24 with 43.6 seconds left as a result of the Wildcats pressure defense creating a turnover by Burlington.

The Wildcats appeared to have forced another turnover on the Red Devils next possession, forcing what looked to be a ten second violation. The call was not made by the officials, however, and eventually Robinson was called for a technical foul for arguing the call. Burlington sank a free throw with 14 seconds left to ice the win.

For the Wildcats, it was a tough way to see the game end. But Robinson

knows the officials did not cost her team the game, but rather, it was their slow start in the first and fourth quarters. While the Wildcats played much better in the third quarter, it was of little consolation for Robinson.

"Honestly, I have a hard time finding any solace, as we played sloppy for the majority of the first half and the first six minutes of the fourth quarter," Robinson said. "We decided to turn on the energy and competitiveness way too late in the game."

"We will sure try to take the few positives and move onward and upward over these last four games. Hoping to find some success that could maybe aid in getting a tournament game despite an inevitable sub .500 record."

The Wildcats faced Winchester on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime and will follow that up with another trip to Belmont on Thursday night (6:00 pm start).

The regular season will conclude with a home contest on Tuesday against Watertown at 4:30, followed by a trip to Groton-Dunstable on Wednesday, the 23rd.

Power Rankings

D2 Update

Both Wilmington (37)

and Tewksbury (39) are

DuCharme continues to assist on Bentley's success

WALTHAM, Mass. - Senior guard Kari Brekke (Appleton, Wis./Appleton North HS) broke the school record for three-point accuracy in a game and finished with 20 points, no missed shots and no turnovers as Bentley University shot past the University of New Haven, 80-61, in Northeast-10 Conference women's basketball Monday night at the Dana Center.

Brekke took and made five three-pointers, surpassing the school record of 4-for-4 achieved ten times previously. Overall, she was on target for all seven of her shots, made her only free throw and led the team with four assists.

Brekke's shooting played a key role as Bentley shot .525 overall from the field and .522 from three-point land.

Five of those three-pointers came in the opening stanza when the Falcons shot out to a 25-18 lead. Brekke gave Bentley (14-6) a lead it would never relinquish when she hit her second triple of the game with 6:23 left in the quarter. That ignited a 10-0 run that made it 18-9 and also included a second-chance basket from sophomore guard Maggie Whitford (South Portland, Maine/ South Portland HS), a three from junior guard Ella Thompson (Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove HS) and a spinning lay-up from freshman guard Kylie Ducharme (Wilmington/Wilmington HS).

The second quarter, which ended with coach C White's team up 48-33, featured a pair of 8-0 runs. The first included threes launched by Brekke and Ducharme, with a Ducharme lay-up in between. Brekke launched the second by hitting from deep and Whitmore scored the next five, including one from distance.



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The senior members of the WHS Wrestling team includes front row from left, Aryan Bhateja, Brian Duggan, Adam LeBlanc and Yvenson Jeanty; and back row from left, Luke Vitale, Marcello Misuraca, Nicholas Doyle, and Jack Rooney.

Division 3 North Sectional Wrestling Rooney and Misuraca also have strong showings

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TEWKSBURY

Considering the fact that the Wilmington High School Wrestling team had no representatives in five weight classes, and didn't finish in last place during Saturday's Division 3 North Sectional Championship Meet is pretty impressive.

That's because the guys who did compete, put forth incredible efforts, to help the Wildcats finish 8th out of 13 teams, which included crowning two champions, while two other wrestlers placed fifth, and two others won one match each in the tournament.

"I'm so happy with being back here with this program and also coaching these fine young gentlemen," said first-year head coach Peter Mitchell, eluding to the fact that he was a 20-year assistant before taking a few years off. "We have a lot of green guys, meaning they were new to the sport. They are just a tough, tough group."

"We worked them so hard. Every day we would have them run two or three miles before practice even started. It's back to the old days of hard work, and they are in the weight room just about every day. You can see it on the guys, their strength and determination is just unbelievable. As a coach, I just could not be any prouder of this group of kids."

The highlights came from the two champions, senior Luke Vitale at 126 pounds and sophomore Julien Cella at 138 pounds (see related stories) but besides the two of them, seniors Jack Rooney (170) and Marcello Misuraca (182) both finished in

fifth.

Rooney lost his first match to Michael Ambliais of Danvers by pin at 2:15. From there he won his next two, pinning Brendan Fleming at 2:51 and then winning a 12-6 decision over Nashoba Tech's Declan Lopez.

After getting pinned in the first period by Melrose's Pedro Ribeiro,

a compliment to his work ethic and his natural athletic ability," said Mitchell.

Misuraca also lost his first match to Watertown's Jesse Cavarretta by a 16-4 decision. From there, he won his next two matches, a forfeit win and then a 12-0 decision over Triton Regional's Tyler Nason. After that, Misuraca was

leadership here with us just shined through and what a great job this kid has done," said Mitchell. "He's really if you think about it, a second-year wrestler and competes in a pretty tough weight class here. He's been the one kid who we have relied on whether it be bumping him up a weight class (or filling in wherever we needed).

"He's just an outstanding student-athlete, who will be going to Norwich University and playing football for them. He's just an outstanding young man, just to coach and to have on this team. I'm very proud of him."

Braedon Almas (132) went 1-2 with a 9-8 win over Domenic Karpenko of Triton Regional, as did Mohaned Said at 160, including a 14-6 decision over Dustin Fournier of North Middlesex Regional. Brian Duggan (145), Adam LeBlanc (152) and Dempsey Murphy (285) all finished 0-2.

Vitale and Cella automatically advance to this weekend's Division 3 State Meet to be held in Fitchburg starting Friday at 11 am and concluding Saturday at 10:30 am. Both Rooney and Misuraca will serve as alternates.

Besides Rooney and Misuraca, the other senior members of the team who had their seasons and careers come to an end include Aryan Bhateja, Nicholas Doyle, Duggan, Yvenson Jeanty, LeBlanc and Adam Lopez.

The only junior who returns next year is Joe Kullman, who is currently recovering from shoulder surgery.

WHS Sectional Champions

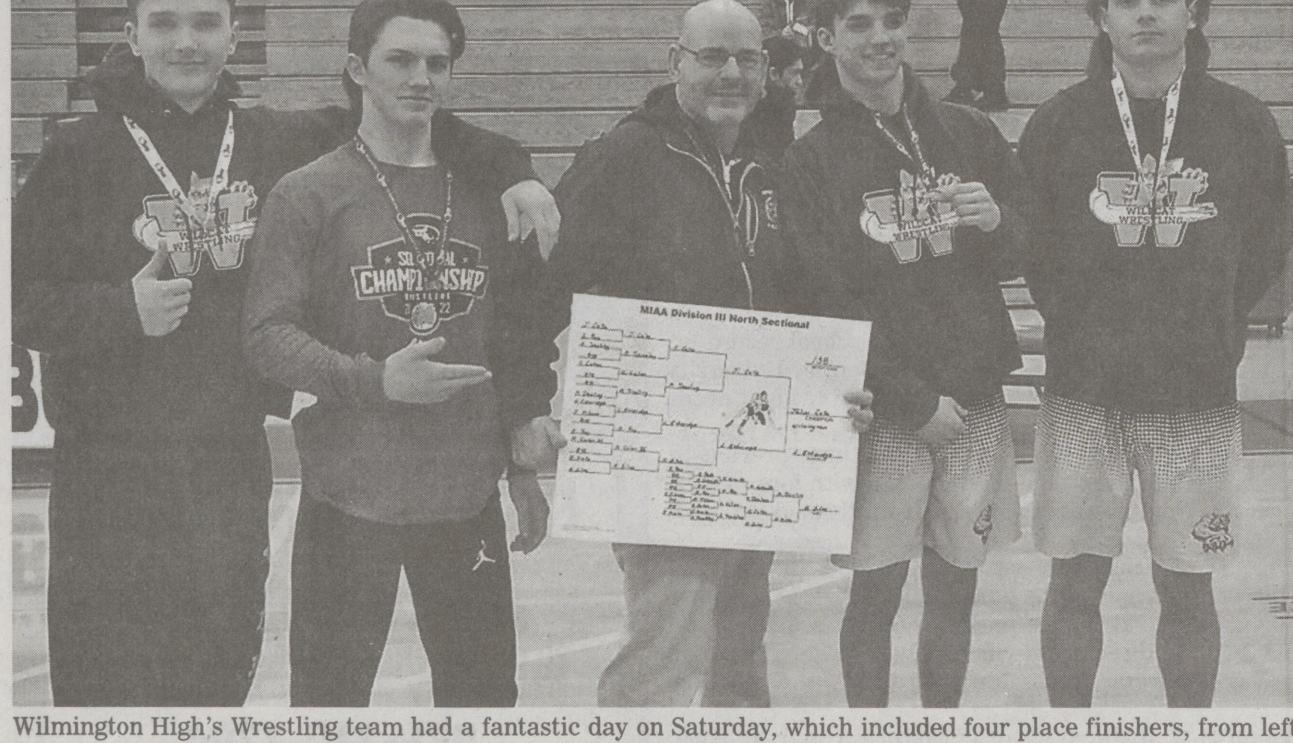
Year	Wrestler	Wt
1980	Michael Russo	187 lbs.
1981	Brian Bilmore	100 lbs.
1989	Brian Murray	145 lbs.
1990	Brian Murray	152 lbs.
1995	Bill Tate	112 lbs.
1997	Bill Tate	130 lbs.
2001	Derek Hanley	135 lbs.
2001	Marc Sollazzo	152 lbs.
2002	Derek Hanley	140 lbs.
2003	Roman Walsh	135 lbs.
2003	Derek Hanley	145 lbs.
2004	Anthony Almeida	140 lbs.
2005	Michael St. Aubin	140 lbs.
2006	Nathan Clapp	112 lbs.
2006	Evan Walsh	135 lbs.
2007	Steve Sughrue	103 lbs.
2008	Ken Joyce	215 lbs.
2011	Sean Adams	145 lbs.
2011	Alex Furlong	189 lbs.
2012	Alex Furlong	195 lbs.
2014	Louis Laffarello	285 lbs.
2016	Fox Maxwell	138 lbs.
2019	Joe Ganley	126 lbs.
2020	Joe Ganley	126 lbs.
2022	Luke Vitale	126 lbs.
2022	Julien Cella	138 lbs.

Rooney was losing in last match, before coming back for a big pin of Jayden Torres of Triton at the 4:49 mark to take fifth.

"This Division 3 North section is tough, just a real tough sectional. You can just see the quality of teams here and for Jack to take fifth place as a first-year wrestler is just

defeated by Burlington's Marcus Tocci by pin, only to come back and pin Cavarretta -- the same person who put him in the consolation bracket -- by a pin at the 2:48 mark.

"At the beginning of the season, Marcello was not one of our captains. He was one of the captains on the football team and his



Wilmington High's Wrestling team had a fantastic day on Saturday, which included four place finishers, from left, Jack Rooney (5th), Julien Cella (1st), head coach Peter Mitchell, Luke Vitale (1st) and Marcello Misuraca (5th). (courtesy photo/Chris Misuraca).

Girls Hockey team picks up three big points

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STONEHAM -- Despite possessing top-notch coaching, talented athletes in all aspects of the game, and a desire to win, the Stoneham-Wilmington girl's cooperative hockey team continues to grapple with inconsistency as the regular season nears its end.

In the latest chapter, Stoneham-Wilmington was unable to contain Middlesex Freedom league-leader Watertown in Saturday night's season rematch, skating toe-toe through the first two periods only to yield a trio of goals in the third and suffer a 5-2 defeat.

With the late season loss, Stoneham-Wilmington fell to 6-10 overall (6-8, league) and with just two games remaining, no longer has the means to reach .500 hockey by season end.

There is a distinct probability, however, of landing a post-season berth, according to this year's MIAA tournament format.

Thirty-two teams in each of the two divisions will qualify and currently, Stoneham-Wilmington is ranked 24th in Division 1.

But before this group circles their calendar for a tournament visit and the likelihood that they'll face a high seed at the outset, there is the matter of some housekeeping to address.

"Once again, we're slipping out of our high school hockey ways and returning to bad habits from our youth hockey days," said Co-coach John Lapiana. "Tonight, it showed on the scoreboard. At times, I didn't recognize our team."

Stoneham-Wilmington actually claimed an early lead on a Kiley Flynn goal, her first of the season.

The Wilmington senior blue-liner ripped a wristshot from the left point that broke off the pads of Watertown goalie Toni Erickson and tumbled in.

Wilmington junior forward Katelin Haley (2-goals, 5-assists) was credited with a helper on the go-ahead score, 1:12 into the game.

Watertown soon quieted the elated Stoneham-Wilmington faithful, gathered in the stands at the Stoneham Arena, with an equalizer while skating on the first of back-to-back power plays. Loitering in the circle to the left of S-W goaltender Maddie Sainato, Caroline Andrade redirected a feed from Molly Driscoll which found its way from a tough angle to tie the game at 1.

Driscoll, who led the Raiders past Stoneham-Wilmington, 4-3, in overtime on New Year's Eve, contributed more misery in the rematch. Skating hard on the left wing as part of a two-on-one break, Driscoll tapped a cross-ice pass to younger sibling Maggie, who put

the finishing touch on the go-ahead goal, late in the second period.

"We turned it over deep in our end and we watched that two-on-one develop," said Lapiana. "We knew what was going to happen. Molly Driscoll has a really good head for the game, she sees the game, and she sees the opportunities. She really took advantage of us on that scoring play."

Watertown added a pair in the third frame, four minutes apart. Sainato, who faced 29-shots, yielded to Sarah Dickie and Lizzie Loftus to make it four unanswered Raider goals. For the Stoneham-Wilmington skaters, the opposition blue-line seemed more like a blue-wall as they struggled mightily to get something going in the neutral zone.

"We turned the puck over in critical areas all night long," said Lapiana. "We made blind passes, we failed to get the puck deep, and we didn't play in their end. We started thinking offense before we had control over the blue line and into the offensive zone. Lose the neutral zone, lose the game."

Wilmington junior Gabby Daniels and Stoneham junior Ava Krasko were both skating well and split a couple of decent bids but Erickson proved equal to the task.

With 8:20 left in the game and trailing 4-1, Stoneham's Kaylee Cronin knocked one in during heavy action in front, to halve the deficit. S-W scoring leader Lily MacKenzie (16-goals, 6 assists), who picked up another hat trick in last week's 4-1 win over Wakefield, joined Ashley Mercier in providing the assists on the late goal.

Minutes later, Watertown would have the final say, on an Allison Fijux tally to wrap up the scoring.

"We have a couple of tough opponents ahead," said Lapiana. "But I'd like to think we can compete against these programs like we did against Arlington, the No. 3 team in the State. If they play the way we've designed the game for them, there's no reason not to expect it."

Stoneham-Wilmington reconvened on Sunday afternoon and routed one-win Melrose, 5-0, in a last-minute, unscheduled make-up game. Krasko, MacKenzie, and Halley scored goals while Stoneham junior Sofija Romanowski notched her first of the season.

As part of a home stand down the stretch, Stoneham-Wilmington faced Framingham on Tuesday evening and came away with a point, as the teams ended in a 2-2 tie to put the W/S record to 6-10-1 overall. Krasko and Cronin scored the goals, while MacKenzie, Ashley Mercier, Daniels and Sacco each had an assist.

Division 1 Girls Hockey Power Rankings

Team	Record	Rating
Austin Prep	15-0-0	3.8727
Arlington	14-1-1	2.5422
Acton-Boxboro	11-2-1	2.3550
St. Mary's Lynn	8-3-2	2.1680
Shrewsbury	9-4-1	2.1461
Notre Dame Hingham	5-3-3	1.9289
Bishop Feehan	10-3-3	1.3964
Nauset Regional	10-2-2	1.3593
Haverhill	8-4-2	1.3101
Bishop Stang	10-5-1	1.2027
Pope Francis	9-4-0	1.0804
Tewksbury/Methuen	5-6-4	0.9810
Hingham	7-7-1	0.7790
Winthrop	11-0-1	0.6588
Peabody	10-3-1	0.5971
Bishop Fenwick	5-6-1	0.5041
Longmeadow	5-7-1	0.5028
Billerica/Chelm	7-7-0	0.3839
North Quincy	8-6-0	0.3289
Plymouth South	8-7-0	0.2546
Whitman-Hanson	7-8-0	-0.0134
Newton North	4-9-3	-0.2614
Reading	6-5-1	-0.2616
Wayland	9-6-0	-0.2757
Auburn	9-5-0	-0.3468
Wilmington/Stone	4-9-0	-0.4225
Mansfield	2-11-1	-0.5878
Arlington Catholic	2-11-0	-0.6175
Beverly	7-5-2	-0.6327
Newburyport	8-5-1	-0.6695
Ursuline Academy	2-8-2	-1.225
Marblehead	6-8-0	-1.2954

Two program records broken at 'Last Chance to Qualify Meet'

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ROXBURY - In a tune-up for this Thursday's Division 4 Eastern Mass Championship Meet, a handful of members on both the Wilmington High School Girls and Boys Track-and-Field teams participated in the 'Last Chance to Qualify Meet', meaning if they hadn't qualified to this point, this was their last opportunity.

Overall, Wilmington had some outstanding performances. Senior Celia Kulis won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.57 seconds, which re-broke her own school record. She was also third in the high jump, clearing 5-0.

The second school record came from senior Sarah LaVita, who was second in the shot put throwing 34-02.50. The previous record was held by Sarah Russell, a throw of

the school record in the 55-meter dash by .02 seconds. She finished at 7.45 seconds in the trials before ending at 7.48 seconds to take second place in the finals. The record is held by Alexia Luna at 7.43 seconds.

In the same dash event, her sister Alison was sixth at 7.64 seconds and Madi Mulas was 47th at 7.99 seconds. Kaitlyn Doherty also added a 15th place in the long jump (15-2) and a 30th place in the 300 (45.37).

Senior Amanda Broussard had a strong day as she was fifth in the 300 with a personal best time of 43.08 seconds. She was also a part of the ninth place 4x400 relay team along with Angie Zaykovskaya, Emily Grace and Addy Hunt.

Also in the 300, Molly MacDonald finished 51st at 46.63 and Nokomis Bramentecohen was 78th

was 62nd at 6:04.55.

In the two-mile, Hannah Bryson had a personal best time of 13:04.40 to take 16th and was followed by Olivia Erler, who was 24th at 13:40.32.

At Thursday's Meet, a number of the girls are seeded in the top eight of their respective events. Kulis is tied for first in the hurdles and fourth in the high jump. Broussard is second in the 300, Kaitlyn Doherty in the dash, LaVita in the shot put and the 4x200 relay team are seeded third. The 4x400 relay team is seeded fourth. Cushing is ranked fifth in the two-mile and ninth in the mile. Mollie Osgood is ranked sixth in the high jump, Alison Doherty in the dash, Zaykovskaya in the 600 and Hunt in the 1,000 are ranked seventh. Finally the 4x800 relay team is ranked eighth.

Turning to the boys

McNamara also competed in the dash finishing at 7.20 and 7.32 seconds, good for 99th and 125th, respectively.

In the other running events, Roman Moretti and Owen Mitchell were 38th at 46th in the 1,000 with times of 2:55.72 and 2:56.75, while, Ethan Kennedy and Thomas Burns finished 48th and 49th in the mile at 4:56.85 and 4:57.08, while the 4x400 relay team was 11th at 3:58.48, the 4x800 team was 21st at 9:38.57 and the 4x200 team was 29th at 1:40.36. Also, John Ware was 49th in the 55-meter hurdles at 9.30 seconds.

In the field events, Sean Patrone was 24th in the high jump clearing 5-6, Jack Melanson was 30th in the shot put throwing 38-04.50 and John Spencer was 50th at 35-07.50, and Jonathan Magliozzi was 46th in the long jump at 17-06.25.



Wilmington's Olympic Champion, Jeanne Ashworth

FROM B5W

Skates. A year later, she won her class. Later that year, she became a North American champion, the first of 14 such titles she would eventually win.

Returning from the championships, she, along with Janet and Leo Backman, rode down Church Street on the back of fire engine Number 2 to a large reception on Wilmington Common.

By 1956, she could no longer enter the Silver Skates competition.

She had won everything. In addition, she consistently won North American and national championships, outdoor and indoor, moving up through the age classes.

In the 1950s, the Wilmington Skating Club was "The Home of Champions" and Jeanne was its star. In 1958, the club boasted four North American champions,

Jeanne Ashworth, Janet (Backman) Tighe, Nancy Weinberg and Drew O'Connell. There were dozens of skaters holding championships. The club boasted a very large membership of both skaters and volunteers.

Jeanne trained relentlessly. Speed skaters use a technique called the cross-cut, allowing them to skate on an oval track, consistently turning left.

She created an Olympic sized track on the ice of the Shawsheen River in Ballardvale. Whenever conditions permitted, she would be out there at 5 a.m. In the off-season, she would train on a bicycle.

In 1959, she qualified for the U.S. Olympic team, headed for the 1960 Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, California. There she won a bronze medal in the 500 meter race, the first American woman to win an Olympic medal in speed skating.

Her Olympic career was not finished. She would qualify for the Olympic team two more times and was on the 1964 and 1968 Olympic teams.

In 1963, she was one of four Wilmington skaters who qualified for the Olympic tryouts for the 1964 team. The tryouts were held in Minnesota, where she set a world's record of 44.4 seconds for a 500-meter race.

At that time, Ken Bartholemew, a ten-time senior men's champion, said she was the greatest woman in speed skating he had ever seen. One skater could sprint, another could do distance, but only Jeanne could do them all.

"I have never seen anyone who can touch Jeanne," he said.

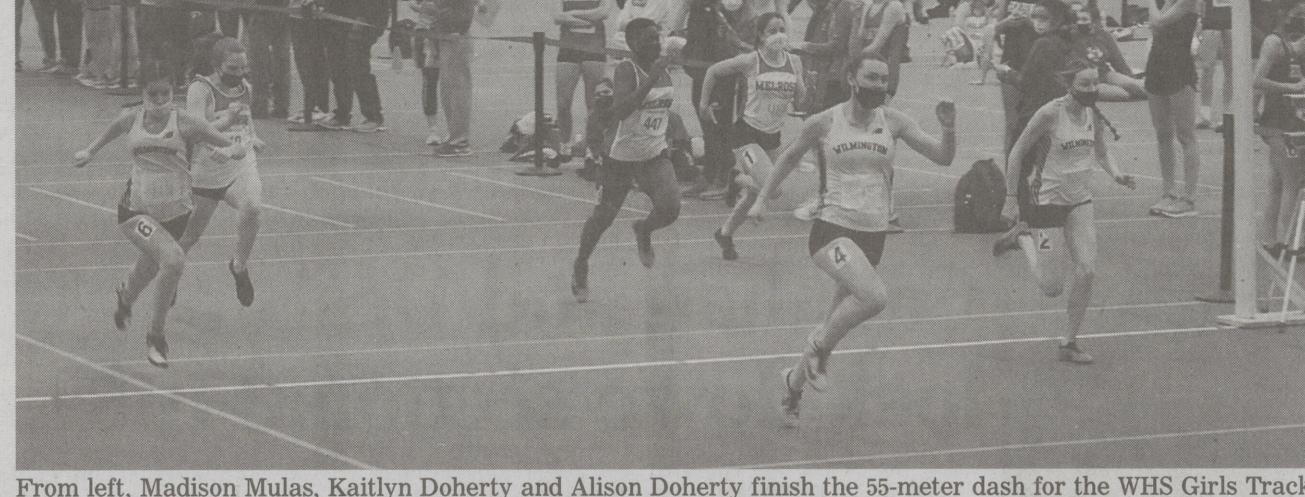
But he hadn't seen the Russians, who swept the women's speed skating events in 1964.

Jeanne moved to Lake Placid, New York, which offered a colder environment and better facilities for ice skating training. In the summer, she worked at Santa's Village. Eventually her parents moved their candy business there as well, and Jeanne worked that business for 25 years.

In 1980, Lake Placid hosted the Winter Olympics and Jeanne was on a local committee that traveled to Mount Olympus to bring the flame for lighting the Olympic Torch. She described it as the thrill of a lifetime.

She later took up woodworking and became a cabinetmaker. Then in the 1990s, she entered politics. For eight years, she was the town supervisor of Wilmington, New York.

You could say she became the Mayor of Wilmington.



From left, Madison Mulas, Kaitlyn Doherty and Alison Doherty finish the 55-meter dash for the WHS Girls Track team during a recent meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center. (Courtesy photo/Susan Kulis)

33-08 back in 2019.

Senior Kaitlyn Doherty, who recently announced that she will continue to compete next year at Springfield College joining former teammate Hannah LaVita, just missed out on breaking

at 49.26 seconds. In the 600, Zaykovskaya was 20th at 1:47.35 and Sophia Pitzen was 59th with a personal best time of 1:56.44. In the mile, Shea Cushing ran a personal best of 5:51.42 to finish 42nd at Mallory Brown

team, at the 'Last Chance to Qualify Meet', in terms of individual efforts, senior Jeandre Abel was tops as he was 11th in the 55-meter dash at 6.81 and also took 20th in the high jump, clearing 5-8. Noah Carriere and John

In regards to the D4 State Meet, Abel enters as the seventh seed in both the dash and the 300, and the 4x800 team is ranked seventh.

Gymnastics team finishes regular season with 6-1 record; swimmers compete at sectionals

FROM B5W

beam, and then Wintner was again impressive competing in the all-around with a 9.45 on the bars, a 9.05 on the floor, an 8.25 on the beam and a 7.95 on the vault.

Besides Wintner and Mola, other scores on the beam included Emily Provost at 9.3, Alexa Graziano at 9.25, Alli Ganley at 8.6 and Mikayla Comeiro at 8.15.

"We had one of our stronger finishes as a team. Most of the team hit their beam routines last night for some Amazing scores," said Hannon.

Graziano was also tremendous in her other two events, taking a 9.3 on the vault and a 9.2 on the bars. Provost was also equally as good with a 9.35 on the floor and a 9.25 on the bars. Comeiro also added scores of 9.0 on the floor and 8.85 on the bars, while, Keira Warford also competed on the vault and a 7.9.

In the 136.3-130.6 win over Melrose held on Friday, Wintner and Comeiro competed in the all-around. Wintner finished with scores of 9.1 on the beam, 8.7 on the bars and floor and then an 8.0 on the vault. Comeiro finished with 8.95 on both the beam and floor, an 8.65 on the bars and an 8.4 on the vault.

Competing in three events was Graziano, who notched tallies of 8.9 on the beam, 8.55 on the bars and 8.15 on the floor, as well as Marchionna and Danieli. Marchionna finished with scores of 8.8 on the floor, 8.2 on the vault and 8.1 on the beam and Danieli picked up an 8.3 on the floor, 8.0 on the beam and 7.9 on the vault.

Other competitors included Rauch finishing



ALLI GANLEY

with a 7.75 on the vault and 7.2 on the floor, Melanie Perales with an 8.05 on the beam and 7.75 on the bars, Warford with a 7.8 on the vault and Mola with a 6.1 on the bars.

"This competition had some up and downs as we had some of our main competitors out sick and others coming back from injury. They rallied as a team and stepped up for their sixth win of the season! One of the seniors, Tyler Rauch even debuted a new floor routine and skills. We are so proud of this team that went from being two towns coming together, to more like a family," said Hannon.

Wilmington/Bedford competed in the Middlesex League Championship Meet on Wednesday night with results not known as of press time.

On Tuesday it was announced that four individuals, Alexa Graziano, Emily Provost, Sasha

Wintner and Mikayla Comeiro will compete in the MIAA State Individual Meet.

Graziano qualified on vault, bars, beam and floor event finals. Provost qualified on vault, bars and floor event finals.

Wintner qualified on beam and floor event finals and Comeiro qualified on floor event finals.

"This first season is one for the books and we're excited to see what else this team can accomplish (before it ends)," said Hannon.

SWIMMING

Six combined members of the Wilmington/North Reading Co-Op Boys and Girls Swim-and-Dive team

competed at the North Sectional Meet held Sunday in Milford. On the boys side, Wilmington resident Ethan Ryan finished 14th in the 100-breaststroke at 1:04.70, and then he was 21st in the 200-IM at 2:10.97 and both times are good enough for qualifying him for the state meet.

On the Girls side, the 200-medley relay team of Maddie Koenig, Kelly Crossan, Nicole Stienmeyer and Melanie Feffer finished 14th at 2:09.23. The 400-freestyle relay team of Steinmeyer, Lauren and Melanie Feffer, and Koenig, finished 16th at 4:07.96. Individually, Koenig was 14th in the 50-free at 26.58.

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A total of 21 (19 present for photo) Wilmington residents were part of the Co-Op Boys/Girls Swim team with North Reading, the largest number in four years. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

As a team, wrestlers finish second at D3 North Sectionals

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TEWKSBURY - Frankly speaking, no one was really surprised that Tewksbury Memorial High School junior Jack Callahan was one of two wrestlers on the team to capture a Division 3 North Sectional title.

But how he did it was pretty surprising.

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what tough is all about. I'm very happy and very proud of him."

Callahan pinned all three opponents, including Watertown's Alex Maguire in just 23 seconds and then Mark Haskins of Danvers at the 47 second mark. That put him in the finals, where it took a while after a few close calls, but Callahan pinned Sean Thomas of Melrose at the 3:30 mark.

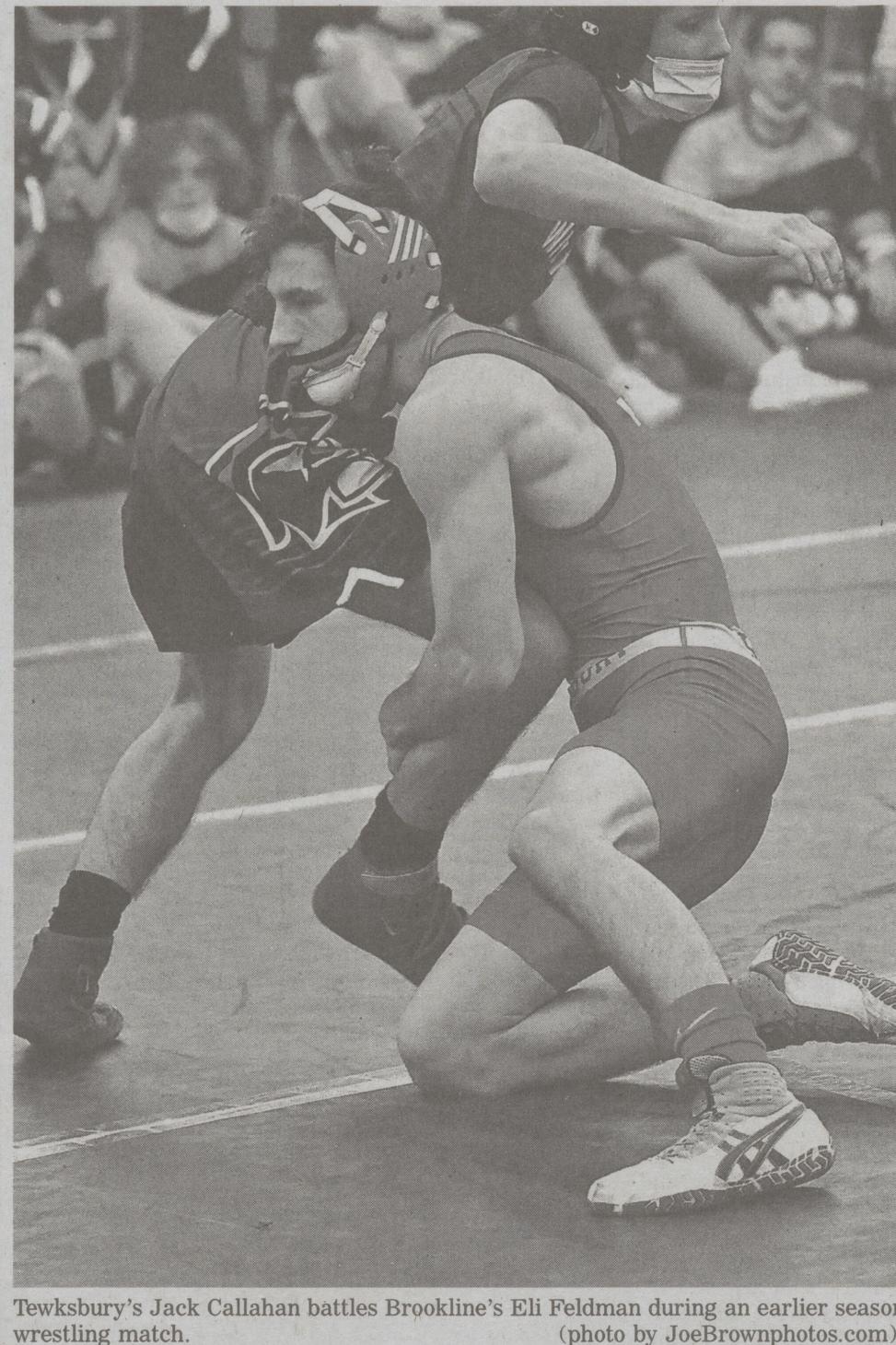
"(Thomas) was tough and he was fighting really hard. My hands were all sweaty so I couldn't really lock it up, so my hands kept slipping."

The last time I wrestled him, he shot low singles, right off the whistle," said Callahan.

and win his first sectional title is pretty special. He wrestled strong, and tough and hard, so we're just thrilled for the moment with him. He deserves it definitely," said coach Kasprzak.

The 106-pound division is a smaller bracket compared to the others, with just six wrestlers. Being the No. 1 seed, Desisto received a first round bye, before beating Watertown's Bo Leitner by pin at the 3:06 mark.

That win put him in the finals against Marco Albanese, and this time it was real quick work with a pin at the 57 second mark of the first round. It was the third time Desisto faced Albanese this year



Tewksbury's Jack Callahan battles Brookline's Eli Feldman during an earlier season wrestling match. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Callahan and Desisto lock down sectional titles

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We have talked a lot about him this year as a wrestler, but I think what he's done here shows so much about him as a person. Toughness I think sometimes people take that for granted and he's

and he has a 2-1 advantage.

"I was going to shoot off the bat, but he tied me up (and then) I took him down in a double and then I got a cradle on him (to pin him)," said Desisto, who is now 20-6 on the season.

Both Callahan and Desisto - as well as seven of their teammates - will compete this weekend at the Division 3 state meet to be held over two days in Fitchburg. Callahan sits as the No. 1 seed and Desisto will be at No. 3.

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Tewksbury resident on his way to third straight all-star accolade

Perez makes his point as one of the league's best guards

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BILLERICA - In their recent game against Arlington Catholic, the Shawsheen Tech Basketball team found themselves in a rather unenviable position, trailing the Cougars 60-59 after an AC basket with 5.5 seconds left and needing to go the length of the court in their attempt to win the game.

Not an ideal situation by any means, but for Shawsheen Tech coach Joe Gore and his staff, not a position to panic either, as they knew exactly what to do: put the ball in the hands of your best player and let him try to win the game for you. That player was senior point guard and captain Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury.

Perez set the play in motion, bringing the ball up court and towards the AC basket, drawing a pair of defenders towards him, before dishing off to a wide open Franck Moron on the wing. The freshman then calmly sank the 15-footer just as the buzzer sounded, giving the Rams a huge win over their non-league rivals.

"Jeremy made a heck of a play," Gore said at the time. "The play was designed to have our shooters on the wing, and to have Jeremy take it to the basket. It really just came down to Jeremy and how athletic he is and how quick he is. He made a great pass to Franck, who stepped up and made a clutch shot."

Putting the ball in Perez' hands in a clutch situation should come as no surprise, as he has become the unquestioned leader of the team, a player the Rams know they can count on in clutch situations.

"Jeremy is the definition of making everyone around him better, and I think that is what is so special about Jeremy," Gore said. "I have always said that he is not a score first point guard. He is the old school, traditional, make everyone around him better type of player. He puts his teammates in the best opportunity to



Shawsheen Tech senior point guard Jeremy Perez charges to the hoop while getting pressured from Wilmington's Willie Stuart during an earlier season game.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

succeed and that is why he such a great team player, and that is what he did there.

"He doesn't light up the scoreboard, and I think that undervalues him a bit to people who aren't in the program, but I have said it for a while that he is one of the most talented point guards to come through Shawsheen and he is going to be missed big time when he is gone."

No doubt, Perez will be missed when he is gone. A three-year starter at point guard and a two-time CAC All-Star, with a third selection likely on the way, Perez has been a huge part of the Rams success this season and throughout his career. Last season he helped lead the Rams to a 10-3 overall record and a 9-2 mark in the CAC, as they came up short in the league title game against Lowell Catholic.

This season he and the Rams are 12-4 on the season and 9-1 in the CAC, on the cusp clinching the program's first outright

CAC title since 2008, needing a win on Friday night against Greater Lawrence to claim the crown. Perez knew going into the season that his team had the talent to make another run at the title, and hopes they can take the final step this time around.

"Coming into the season we knew we had a lot of seniors and we knew had a chance to win the league," Perez said. "We just wanted to come together as a team, and get that chemistry going. We had some extra motivation after coming so close last season."

Motivation is one thing, but you also need to go out and execute and with Perez leading the way, the Rams most certainly are doing just that. While he likes to score the basketball as much as anybody, Perez knows his biggest role with the team is to make sure his teammates are putting up big points.

"I try to just get the ball moving, and get ball in their hands, cut through and make the good pass,"

Perez said.

Which isn't to say that he doesn't sometimes wish he could score a little more, with the Arlington Catholic game being a prime example.

"There were only a couple of seconds left in the game, so initially, I felt like I was going to take it down and score," Perez said. "But everybody collapsed on me, and Franck was just wide open for the shot. It was great seeing him making that shot."

As talented as he is, the play against Arlington Catholic is not one that he would have likely made as a sophomore, or perhaps even last season as a junior, but his experience has helped him become a much better and smarter player. He has been playing since he was just five years old, but his game went to another level once he got to high school, particularly when he joined the varsity program as a sophomore.

"That first year really gave me some great experience to come in and play

for the next year," Perez said.

with the varsity and kind of see the speed of the game, and I have just gotten used to it over time," Perez said.

Perez, who is a two-year captain with the team, was also a captain with the Rams Soccer team this past season. His improvement has not come by accident. He has worked hard to make himself the player that he is, and Gore is very appreciative of what he has done to improve his game.

"It is a testament to how hard he works in the off season," Gore said. "His dedication to the gym and his dedication to basketball year round is what has made him such a special player. He has always played up. He practiced with the varsity as a freshman and played as a sophomore, so that has really helped take his game to another level. His knowledge and his IQ are just off the charts."

And speaking to taking his game to another level, Perez is hoping to do just that next season when he heads off to college, where he hopes to continue not just his academic, but also his athletic career.

"I have been talking to a couple of schools, like Dean and Fitchburg, so hopefully I will get to play in college as well," Perez said.

Gore, for one, certainly believes that Perez has what it takes to play at the next level. While he may not be your typical college point guard, Gore knows he can play at the next level.

"He is absolutely capable of playing at the next level," Gore said. "We have been speaking to some local schools and while nothing is set in stone yet, he is absolutely a college player. The coaches who have seen him play are excited about him, because he is ultimate team player and competitor. He can be a great asset to any local school and make that team better right away."

While he is looking forward to college, Perez isn't quite ready for his high school career to be over yet. After all, there

have been some great memories during his time at Shawsheen.

"Mostly I will just remember all of the tough games we have had together, and were able to come out on top," Perez said. "When everyone is able to come together in the final moments it is really great. It has been great playing with my teammates. We have been playing together for a long time now and have great chemistry together. Everybody knows their role on the team, so it has been a lot easier to play together this year."

With that being said, Perez is confident that his team can overcome any obstacles in front of them this post season.

"We are a pretty experienced team now, with a lot of seniors and a lot of juniors, so I feel like we can do well," Perez said. "If we get down, I feel like we have that mindset that we can come back and still win, whereas before we might have doubted ourselves a little or felt like we had to rush to try and come back."

If the Rams are going to be successful this post season, Gore knows that having an experienced point guard like Perez will be a big part of the reason why.

"We are very confident with Jeremy at our point position," Gore said. "We will go as far as he takes us. Like I said, that doesn't mean he has to light up the scoreboard, but just the experience he brings and putting guys in the right position, he is an extension of the coaching staff on the court, and that makes our job a lot easier."

"Having that coach on the floor is great for us, because we are worried about game planning and strategy and things like that, and we know he is getting our guys all set up. We are confident that we can out him up against point guard in the area with all due respect. We are excited to see where he can take us over the next few weeks."

A win on Friday against Gr. Lawrence and Rams will take CAC Championship title

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BILLERICA - With two more wins this past week, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team took another step towards clinching the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship, improving to 11-4 overall and 8-1 in the CAC Large, with wins over Northeast on Friday night and Kipp Academy on Saturday afternoon, with both games at Mark Donovan Gymnasium.

The two wins, along with the Rams win over Greater Lowell on Tuesday night set up a big showdown on Friday night, when the Rams travel to Andover to take on CAC rival Greater Lawrence.

With a win, the Rams will clinch their first outright league title since 2008, while with a loss, they would likely have to settle for a tie with the Reggies, whom they defeated earlier this season.

But before they could move on to their epic matchup with Greater Lawrence, the Rams had to first take care of business against Northeast and Kipp. They were two very winnable games for the Rams, but as they found out recently in an upset loss to Whittier, a winnable game does not necessarily mean an auto-

matic win.

Since that Whittier loss, however the Rams have won four games in a row to edge closer to the league title.

"I think the Whittier game was a good, humbling loss for us," Shawsheen coach Joe Gore said. "It allowed us to get back basics and start playing well. We were fortunate enough to pick up some wins, and now we are looking forward to what lies ahead."

Before looking ahead, Gore looked back for a few moments at his team's big wins from this past week, starting with a 71-36 rout of Northeast on Friday night that at the time gave the Rams their tenth win of the season, clinching a state tournament berth.

The Rams led just 13-9 after the first quarter, but took control from that point on, taking a 34-17 halftime lead and holding a 51-32 lead after three quarters.

"We got off to a bit of a slow start which has been a problem for us for a good part of the season," Gore said. "We want to improve on that the rest of the season. We were able to get our rhythm and chemistry going in the second half, which is another thing we have been able to do for most of the season."

Shawsheen was led by a big night from freshman

guard Franck Moron, who had 17 points on the night. Moron recently hit a game winning shot at the buzzer against Arlington Catholic, and he has been improving with every game as he gains more experience.

"Franck is getting his confidence up" Gore said. "At the high school level, there are some things that you can't get away with that you could in AAU or Travel basketball. It was a struggle for him early on, but he is getting used to the speed and the pace of the game and he has been huge for us coming off the bench."

The Rams were back at Mark Donovan Gymnasium the following afternoon, hosting Kipp Academy, this time coming away with a 63-45 victory. While a freshman had led them to victory over Northeast, against Kipp, it was their two veteran leaders, senior captain Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury and junior captain Mavrick Bourdeau, who led the way.

Perez had 15 points, six assists and five steals on the night, while Bourdeau had a game high 23 points to go along with eight rebounds.

"It was great to see those guys step up," Gore said. "When we have balance as a team that is when we are most successful, and when we get those two

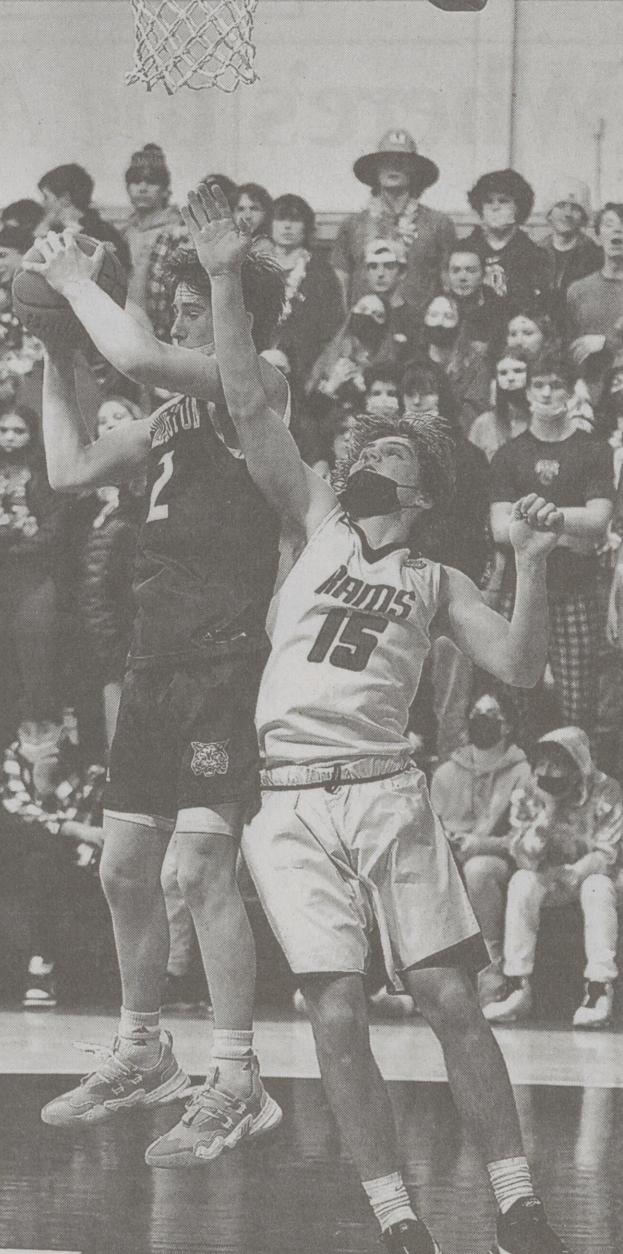
guys going, it is usually great for us."

Kipp was no pushover, however, as the Rams led by just eight points, 31-23, at halftime. But they took control in the second half on their way to the 18-point victory.

"You have to give credit to Kipp," Gore said. "They came out and played a tough, physical game. But our kids responded and our leaders stepped up in the second half. Those will be the guys we are counting on going forward."

On Tuesday night, the Rams kept their strong play as of late, picking up a 63-56 win over CAC rival Greater Lowell on Senior Night at Mark Donovan Gymnasium. The Rams (12-4, 9-1). The Rams were led, appropriately enough, by senior captain Jeff Kelly, who had 19 points including eight in the fourth quarter. Junior captain Mavrick Bourdeau had another big game with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

The Rams return to action on Friday night at Greater Lawrence with tip-off scheduled for 5:30 pm. Shawsheen will then stay on the road on Monday to take on non-league rival Wilmington at 2:00 pm at Cushing Gymnasium.



Shawsheen Tech's Maverick Bourdeau tries to grab the rebound from Wilmington's Tommy Mallinson during an earlier season game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



Kyle Gray skates with the puck out of his defensive zone during an earlier season Rams Boys Hockey game.
(photo by Bob DeChiara).

Boys Hockey team also in a position to bring home a league title

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BILLERICA - With their biggest game of the season coming up on Wednesday night, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team did everything in their power to make sure that it would, indeed be their biggest game of the season,

With a rematch against Essex Tech, who handed the Rams their only Commonwealth Athletic Conference loss of the season, scheduled for Wednesday night at the Essex Sports Center, the Rams knew they had to take care of business against another pair of league opponents this past week in order to make the Essex game meaningful and keep their league title hopes alive.

The Rams were able to just that, winning one of the games in dramatic fashion, and another by blowout, to improve to 13-3 on the season, including 6-1 in the CAC. The Rams started their week last Wednesday night with a hard fought 3-2 win over Northeast at Everett Rink and followed that up with a 10-0 victory over Minuteman at the Hallenberg Pavilion on Thursday night.

In their first matchup of the season against Minuteman, the Rams had rolled to a 7-1 victory over the Knights, but this time around it was a much different story, as Shawsheen needed a pair

of third period goals from sophomore forward Chase Darcey, including the game winner with just over five minutes left in the game.

Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker felt that the difference in the two games was a combination of things. First of all, Northeast was a much better team than the first time the teams had squared off. Secondly, the Rams certainly could have played better.

"Northeast played us very tough and they have made huge strides of improvement. We were down a few key players as well," Baker said. "On top of that, we did not show up ready to play and they took it to us. It was a great learning experience for the team for sure."

HNIB Division 4

1. Norwell 15-1-0
2. Sandwich 11-3-3
3. M. Vineyard 10-1-0
4. Watertown 9-8-1
5. Stoneham 10-7-0
6. Shawsheen 13-3-0
7. Winthrop 6-8-1
8. Dedham 8-10-0
9. Ashland 10-7-0
10. Ch. Comp 14-1-0

HNIB Division 2

1. Tewksbury 13-2-0
2. Canton 15-2-1
3. Masconomet 14-2-1
4. Gloucester 11-4-0
5. Norwood 14-2-1
6. Duxbury 10-6-2
7. Walpole 10-6-1
8. Silver Lake 13-4-0
9. N. South 9-6-0
10. Quincy 10-5-2

Along with Darcey, sophomore forward Kyle Gray of Wilmington, also scored for the Rams, while they each also added an assist, along with senior defenseman Tom Sampson and senior forward Zack Patterson.

Junior goalie Aiden MacLeod made 26 saves between the pipes to pick up the win for the Rams. "Aidan played very well," Baker said. "He had some great saves and a couple big ones off rebounds."

In the 10-0 win over Minuteman, the Rams got 16 saves from sophomore goalie Mike Cedrone, who picked up his first career shutout.

All of which has led up to Wednesday night's showdown with Essex Tech, but results weren't known as of presstime. Earlier this season, back on January 17, the Rams suffered a 5-2 loss at the hands of the Hawks at the Hallenberg, giving them their only league loss of the season. While the Rams will bring their 6-1 league mark into the matchup, the Hawks are a perfect 6-0.

With a win, the Rams will pull into a tie for the top spot in the league with only one CAC game left on the schedule.

"I hope we play better this time," Baker said. "They embarrassed us the first time so hopefully we come to play for at least a share of the league."

Shawsheen's Girls Hockey team improving in many areas

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BILLERICA - While they had not been able to get into the win column for the first several weeks of the season, the one thing that Shawsheen Tech Girls Hockey coach Kate O'Shea has never had to question has been her team's effort. Despite suffering numerous injuries as well as losing players to COVID protocols, the Rams had never stopped given anything but their best each time they were on the ice.

"We have had a lot of injuries and a lot of COVID, so we were at the point, where just wanted to try anything," O'Shea said. "We needed a center, so we put Alexis at center and we just haven't looked back. They have been great together. If something isn't broke, I am not going to try and fix it."

Back on February 7, at LaConte Rink, the Rams were finally rewarded for all of that hard work, picking up a 7-3 win over Medford for their first win of the season.

"It was a great game, honestly," O'Shea, in her first season as coach of the Rams, said. "I was very happy for the girls to get the win. They deserved it."

Despite the lopsided nature of the score, the Rams had to work very hard to secure the win. Leading 4-1 at the end of the second period, they looked as if they might coast to victory, but Medford wasn't about to quit, scoring two quick goals to start the third and close to within 4-3. But Shawsheen righted the ship, turned the offense back on, and skated out of LaConte with their first win of the year.

Shawsheen was led by the efforts of their top line, featuring three talented sophomores, including Paige Fuller and Alexis Fox, both of Wilmington, as well as Anna McEachern of Bedford. The trio had two goals each, while star sophomore defenseman and captain Laney Mead tallied the other Rams goal.

Senior forward Ashley Talbot of Tewksbury meanwhile, picked up her first varsity point, with an assist on one of Fuller's goals.

The Fuller, Fox, McEachern line came together recently almost by accident, but O'Shea is very glad it did, as they have been tremendous since teaming up. She has no plans of splitting up this trio any time soon.

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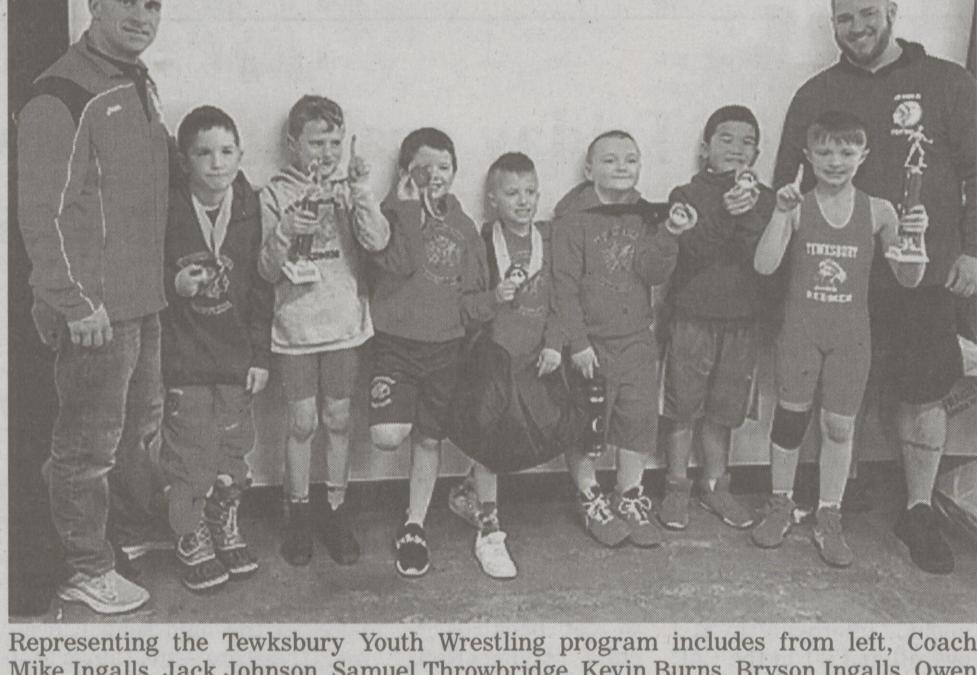
Following their win over Medford, the Rams continued to play well, despite dropping a pair of hard fought games. First, against Newburyport last Wednesday at the Janas, they dropped a tough 4-2 decision despite goals from Mead as well as senior forward and captain Amber Hurley.

The Rams were back on action on Wednesday night at the Janas in a rematch against Medford, with results not available as of the Town Crier's press time.

Following that game, they will travel to Rockett Arena to take on Marblehead on Thursday before heading to Valley Rink on Saturday to face Masconomet and The Edge Ice Center to take on Burlington next Monday.

While O'Shea wishes the Rams had been able to pick up wins rather than close losses in their last two games, she was very pleased to see the much more competitive brand of hockey her team has been playing. And she is looking forward to seeing more of the same down the stretch.

"It has been really great to see," O'Shea said. "Winthrop was one of the best games we have played all season. It is tough to lose, but at the same time it is very uplifting for the girls to play so well. We have five games left, and we feel like we have a chance to win in every one of them, if we continue to play well."



Representing the Tewksbury Youth Wrestling program includes from left, Coach Mike Ingalls, Jack Johnson, Samuel Throwbridge, Kevin Burns, Bryson Ingalls, Owen Jaime, Owen Anderson, Myles Grant and Coach Billy Grant. (courtesy photo).

Tewksbury enjoys big day at K-4 tourney

The venue may have not been ideal for most sports but for wrestling it was just another day at the office. With the snow canceling original date and venue January 30th. The

wrestling community came together and simply "got it done"! Crossfit Rail Tail in Hudson, MA hosted for February 13th K-4 Massachusetts State Wrestling Tournament.

For the sport of wrestling the ultimate prize is to become a state champion. The state tournament is what the individual practices, trains, and competes all season for.

The stage was set and Tewksbury "Sea of Red" was in full attendance as it has been all season long. While the venue did not have much extra space for spectators, this did not stop the support to cheer on each wrestler.

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This tournament was no different. Everyone went out on the mat and competed and gave it their very best. Tewksbury had crowned four state champions on the day with Myles Grant, Samuel Throwbridge, Tommy Bjorkgren, and Bryce Grant. Tewksbury had quite the showing as many proudly medaled as well with Bryson Ingalls and Jack Johnson taking second, Owen Jaime and David Shunaman finishing third, Owen Anderson, Kevin Burns, Richie Kelley and Colton Kephart taking fourth, Sean Fitzpatrick and AJ Bernier finishing fifth, and then Paul Vozzella, Cameron Parent and Emmett Mercer earning sixth place finishes.

Special thanks to help and support of high school wrestlers helping coach are Tewksbury High Captains Brett Graham and Jack Callahan.

Next up for the youth team is 5th through 8th grade states being held February 20th at Reading High School.

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	February 17	B/G Track	at D4 States - RLC	4:00 pm
Thursday	February 18	V Boys Hoop	vs Billerica	6:30 pm
Friday	February 18	V Wrestling	at D3 States - Fitch	11:00 am
Saturday	February 19	V Girls Hoop	at Lawrence	7:00 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Wrestling	at D3 States - Fitch	10:30 am
Saturday	February 19	V Girls Hockey	vs Bev/Danvers	12:00 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Boys Hockey	vs Billerica	5:30 pm
Monday	February 21	V Girls Hoop	at Bedford	5:00 pm
Monday	February 21	V Girls Hockey	vs Matignon	5:00 pm
Monday	February 21	V Boys Hoop	at Malden	5:00 pm
Tuesday	February 22	V Boys Hockey	at Wilmington	2:30 pm
Tuesday	February 22	V Girls Hoop	vs Haverhill	6:30 pm
Tuesday	February 22	V Girls Hoop	vs Shrews/Masco	5 or 7 pm
Wednesday	February 23	V Girls Hoop	at Boston Latin	11:30 am
Thursday	February 24	V Boys Hockey	at Con-Carlisle	3:00 pm

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	February 17	B/G Track	at D4 States - RLC	4:00 pm
Thursday	February 17	V Girls Hockey	vs Bishop Fenwick	6:00 pm
Thursday	February 17	V Boys Hoop	at Belmont	6:00 pm
Thursday	February 17	V Boys Hoop	at Triton	6:30 pm
Friday	February 18	V Wrestling	at D3 States - Fitch	11:00 am
Saturday	February 19	V Wrestling	at D3 States - Fitch	10:30 am
Saturday	February 19	V Boys Hoop	at Burlington	12:00 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Boys Hoop	at Melrose	6:00 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Girls Hockey	vs Shawsheen	2:00 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Boys Hoop	vs Tewksbury	2:30 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Boys Hoop	vs Watertown	4:30 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Boys Hoop	vs Watertown	6:00 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Girls Hoop	at Groton-Dunstable	1:00 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Boys Hoop	at Beverly	4:00 pm

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	February 17	V Girls Hockey	at Marblehead	6:30 pm
Thursday	February 17	V Boys Hoop	vs Haverhill	7:10 pm
Friday	February 18	V Wrestling	at D1 States	TBA
Friday	February 18	V Boys Hoop	at Gr. Lawrence	5:30 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Girls Hoop	vs Mystic Valley	5:30 pm
Saturday	February 19	V Wrestling	at D1 States	TBA
Sunday	February 20	V Girls Hoop	at Masconomet	6:00 pm
Monday	February 21	V Girls Hoop	at Arlington Cath	3:30 pm
Monday	February 21	V Girls Hockey	at Burlington	12:30 pm
Monday	February 21	V Boys Hoop	at Wilmington	2:00 pm
Monday	February 21	V Girls Hoop	vs Dedham	4:30 pm
Tuesday	February 22	V Boys Hoop	at Lowell Catholic	12:10 pm
Tuesday	February 22	V Girls Hockey	vs Gloucester	7:30 pm

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Impressive outing for Rams at D1 Sectional Meet

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METHUEN - With a largely inexperienced roster, it was hard to tell just how the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team would fare when they headed to Methuen High School for the Division One North Sectional Tournament last Saturday.

While many of their young wrestlers had put together fine regular seasons, including some excellent performances during some in-season tournaments, the question remained as to just how well they would respond in the post season.

If there were any extra nerves on the part of the young Shawsheen wrestlers, they certainly did a good job of hiding it, as the Rams, led by some of their youngest stars, battled their way to a sixth place finish in the 13-team tournament, with three wrestlers taking home championships in their respective weight classes, including two freshmen.

Overall, the Rams had seven wrestlers finish in the top six of their weight class, while four finished in the top four of their weight class to earn a spot in this weekend's Division 1 State Tournament in Fitchburg.

Shawsheen finished with 126.5 total points to narrowly edge out Andover (126) and Haverhill (124.5) for sixth place. Saint John's Prep won the tournament with 240 points, while Central Catholic was second with 213.5, host Methuen was third with 187, Lowell was fourth with 149 and Chelmsford was fifth with 135.

Champions for the Rams on the day were freshman Brayton Carbone at 106 pounds, along with classmate Sid Tildsley at 132 pounds, as well as senior captain Lucien Tremblay at 120 pounds. Another newcomer to the team, sophomore Caleb Caceres, earned a third place finish and a trip to the state tournament at 138 pounds.

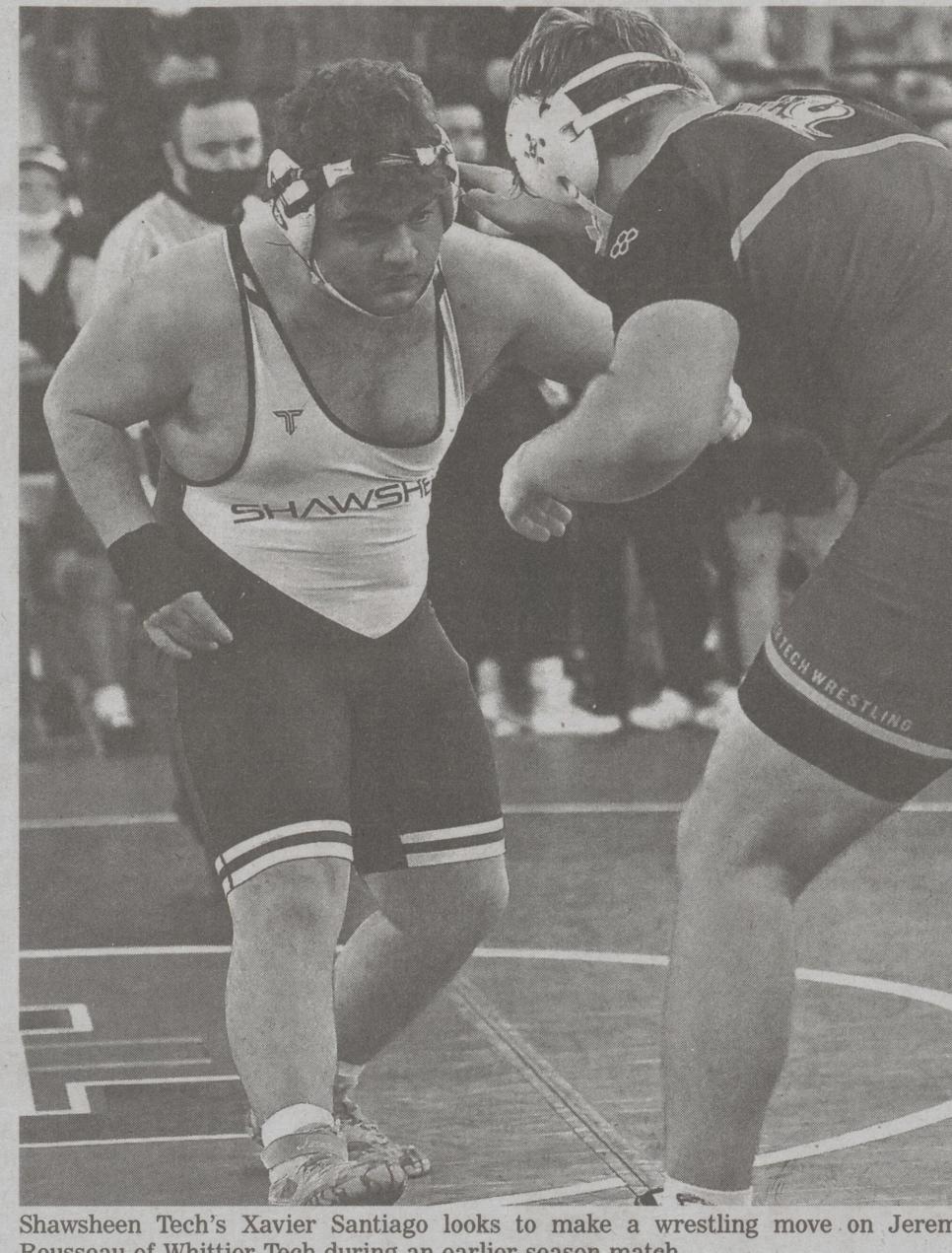
Three other Rams, senior captain Sam Palmieri at 126 pounds, sophomore Tommy Cormier at 182 pounds and senior captain Xavier Santiago, each earned sixth place finishes to help Shawsheen's cause. Shawsheen coach Doug Pratt felt confident his team would perform well in the tournament, but as it turned out they exceeded his expectations.

"We knew our big four would do well for us, but to have some guys step up, like Tommy at 182, who is a first year wrestler, and then (Palmieri) at 126, who beat the number three seed in his first match, was huge for us," Pratt said. "I really felt like we could finish in the top ten, so to get sixth place was great for us, and those guys were a big reason why we did. We were very happy with sixth place."

Leading the way among the Rams' big four on the day was Carbone, who earned three decisions on the way to his title at 106 pounds, two of them in dominant fashion, including a major upset in the finals.

After winning his quarterfinal match by a major decision score of 15-2, Carbone battled his way to a 10-8 decision over Yandel Morales of Lowell. That set up a rematch in the finals with Cale Wood of Haverhill earlier in the week. Wood had beaten Caceres by major decision in a dual meet. That was not the case this time, however, as Caceres instead took control from the start, on his way to a 6-0 victory and a sectional title.

"Sometimes the guy who loses the first matchup has a bit of an advan-



Shawsheen Tech's Xavier Santiago looks to make a wrestling move on Jeremy Rousseau of Whittier Tech during an earlier season match.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

tage," Pratt said. "You can change your game plan a little and fix your mistakes from last time. The key for Caleb this time was getting off to a fast start. He got an early takedown and then just controlled the match from there."

Tildsley kept his undefeated freshman season intact with an exciting 3-2 win over Adam Schaeublin 132 pounds. It was the third time this season that Tildsley had

beaten Schaeublin, a very difficult task against a wrestler of Schaeublin's caliber, with each match being a tough battle.

Tildsley had won 2-0 and 5-0 in the previous two meetings, and Schaeublin came ready for battle this time around.

"Each time Sid has faced him, he has changed his game plan a little," Pratt said. "He did a good job of slowing Sid down, but eventually they ended up in a scramble

and Sid came out of it with two points to take a 3-1 lead."

Schaeublin scored on a reversal just before the end of the second period, but Tildsley held off his third period comeback attempt to earn the win.

Tremblay, the senior captain, wasn't about to let the newcomers have all the fun on this day,

and he battled his way to a pair of close decisions to win the title at 120.

After a pin in the quar-

terfinals, Tremblay survived a comeback attempt by Central Catholic's Nick Spero to hang on for a 10-9 win in the semifinals, before taking a 4-2 decision over Elias Hijali of St. John's Prep in the finals.

In winning the title at 120 pounds, Tremblay fulfilled a goal both he and the Rams late coach Mark Donovan had set for the senior grappler.

"He wrestled tough all day long. We were really happy for him to win," Pratt said. "His whole goal this year was to get his name on the banner in our gym. Afterwards, he said to me that he did it for coach Donovan, because he is now the last sectional champ ever to be coached by Dunnies."

Sid and Brayton are freshmen and Caleb didn't wrestle last season, so Tremblay was the last one, and that was important to him."

Caceres went 3-1 on the way to his third place finish at 138 pounds. After losing a hard fought 5-4 decision to Vincent DeMaio of Methuen in the semifinals, Caceres bounced back to dominate in the consolation bracket with a pin in 1:17 over Camden O'Donnell of Haverhill and 1:06 over Noah Faverman of Marblehead/Swampscott.

"I think he gave the kid in the semifinals a little too much credit, and he really just didn't execute," Pratt said. "But after that, he got back to doing what he does best and he just dominated. It was a great learning experience for him."

Palmieri's sixth place finish at 126 pounds was highlighted by a pin over number three seed Damian Pak of Lowell in the quarterfinals in a time of 1:27, while

Cormier bounced back from a first round loss to pick up a pair of wins by pin in the consolation bracket to earn his sixth place finish at 182, winning in 36 seconds and 1:28, respectively.

Senior captain Xavier Santiago got a pin over Ian Mwangi of Chelmsford and a 5-3 decision over Ned Fitzgerald of Marblehead/Swampscott before losing by major decision in the semifinals to eventual champion Jack Blizard of St. John's Prep.

Junior Troy Warwick of Tewksbury at 145 pounds, and sophomore Austin Malandain at 195 pounds, also both earned one victory on the day.

With four wrestlers, Carbone, Tildsley, Tremblay and Caceres heading to the Division 1 Tournament, which kicks off on Friday afternoon at 11:00 am at Game On in Fitchburg, Pratt is confident his team will once again have a strong showing.

"We are counting on those guys. They have been getting it done and improving all season," Pratt said. "If they all do what they are capable of doing, we will have a very good showing."

Friday will feature a full day of wrestling at Game On in Fitchburg, all the way through the second round of consolation matches, before the teams return to the venue on Saturday, where wrestling will start at 10:30 am, featuring semi-finals and finals matches, along with the remainder of the consolation matches.

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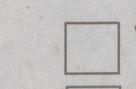


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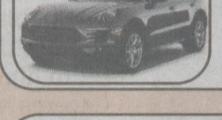
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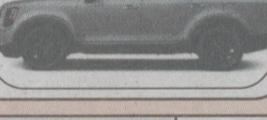


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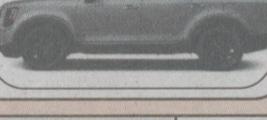
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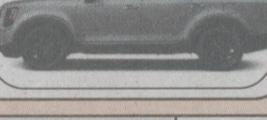
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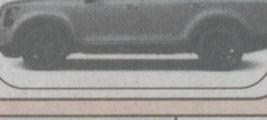
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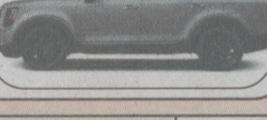
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School Committee reviews mask guidance changes

By ROSALYN IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — At the Tewksbury School Committee meeting on Feb. 9, 2022, committee members and district administrators discussed recent changes to state masking guidance and impacts on schools.

Superintendent Chris Malone explained that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is lifting mask requirements in schools on Feb. 28. He noted that students and staff will still be required to wear masks on school buses and transportation, as well as in nursing offices and suites.

Though the state is no longer accepting an 80 percent vaccination rate threshold, the district continues to monitor town vaccination rates of school-age children.

Students and staff can opt into a program to receive two free take-home tests every two weeks, supplied by DESE. Malone said that over 920 students and 320 staff members in the district are participating in the program. The district will be continuing pool testing, but will no longer be running contact tracing or test-to-stay programs. Malone thanked school nurses for their work and directed families to the COVID-19 dashboard on the district website for answers to frequently asked questions.

"Last month, we were in the hundreds [of cases]," Malone said. "This week we're down to nine."

Malone said that the decision on masking is up to the committee.

He said that because the district has done so well using DESE resources, "My sense is to support the direction DESE is going in."

Member Shannon Demos raised concerns over the date falling so close

to the end of February vacation with students and staff traveling over the break. She said that the district should support students and staff who want to wear masks and should continue to provide free masks to people in the building. She added that administrators should be extra cognizant of the impact of changes on students and should work to support the social-emotional needs of the school community during the transition.

Member Bridget Garabedian shared she was proud of the district's mitigation measures.

"This is just the next step," she said, adding that the implementation date will give people more time to sign up for testing programs.

"It's been overdue," said chair Keith Sullivan.

According to the Feb. 9 memo published by education commissioner Jeff Riley, "DESE continues to recommend that districts and schools adopt a layered approach to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in school settings. DESE and DPH continue to strongly urge all eligible individuals to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and booster and continue to support schools with vaccination clinics. Other mitigations include participating in the statewide COVID-19 testing program, maintaining good hand hygiene practices, and staying home when sick."

Both DESE and the Department of Public Health strongly recommend that unvaccinated individuals continue to mask in school settings for their safety and the safety of others.

Community members can visit tewksbury.k12.ma.us for more information and <https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/> to review state guidance.



(Courtesy photo)

Caring Partners' 18th annual 'Belle of the Ball' prom dress drive is underway

TEWKSBURY — Although COVID-19 created a "new normal" for high school events, the search for the perfect prom dress is on and "Belle of the Ball" is back to ensure any girl who needs a prom dress can have one. For young women and their families who are struggling to put food on the table, prom dress shopping can be a crisis point and Caring Partners is here to help with the return of their annual "Belle of the Ball" and Boutique Day, a one-day culmination of New England's largest and longest-running prom dress drive running now through March 20.

Now in its 18th year including last year's hiatus, Caring Partners' "Belle of the Ball" prom dress drive transforms high school junior and senior girls through the generosity of donors, sponsors and volunteers — true Caring Partners working toward one mission: any girl who needs a prom dress will have one.

Ways to help:

DONATE A DRESS. Starting Feb. 7 through March 20, simply drop off your good quality, gently worn prom dress (plus sizes appreciated) to any Anton's Cleaners, Enterprise Bank, or Jordan's Furniture location in eastern Massachusetts, southern NH or RI. Anton's Cleaners then cleans the donated prom dresses at no charge, and distributes them to high school junior

and senior girls who could not otherwise afford to attend their school's prom. (See antons.com, jordans.com or enterprisebanking.com for a location near you).

ORGANIZE A DRIVE. Any organization interested in holding a prom dress collection drive, making an in-kind donation, or individuals looking to volunteer at the boutique can sign up online now at antons.com/belle. Any organization, neighborhood or group can collect dresses and drop off themselves before March 20 at any Anton's Cleaners, Jordan's Furniture or Enterprise Bank location.

REFER A GIRL. For school administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, social service agency, or clergy members seeking to refer a high school junior or senior girl in need, referrals are welcome online only with a deadline of March 16: <https://antons.com/belle/receive-a-dress/refer-a-girl>.

Belle of the Ball also provides flyers to share with your organization: <https://antons.com/belle/about/promotional-materials/>.

DONATE. Monetary donations are also welcome through the website to cover the cost of new shoes and accessories.

VOLUNTEER. Caring individuals are invited to register now (antons.com/belle) to assist with personal shopping, registration, event setup/breakdown, and other related tasks.

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BOUTIQUE DAY: The Belle of the Ball prom gown collection culminates in an invitation-only "boutique" event where deserving and pre-qualified girls are invited for a day of personal shopping and pampering — a powerful personal experience. This year, over 1,000 girls will be invited to enjoy Boutique Day at the Hynes Convention Center, with thousands of dry cleaned prom dresses organized displayed by size, color and styles. Monetary and in-kind donations are needed to pay for jewelry, makeup and other accessories and prom-related services: visit antons.com/belle to make a financial donation. Caring Partners, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

According to Arthur Anton Jr., COO, Anton's Cleaners, and a founder of Belle of the Ball, "Life has thrown us many curve balls, but our mission remains the same: every high school girl should have the experience of feeling beautiful. Because of last year's hiatus, we have the ability to help more deserving young women than ever before, thanks to our generous corporate partners, dress donors and volunteers."

We are so proud to continue our partnership with the Belle of the Ball program! Our generous customers have donated thousands of dresses over the years to countless teens in-need, and we invite them again to participate.

Over the years, girls have shared final prom dress photos and written to the program with transformative stories, describing the impact Belle of the Ball has had not only as a clothing drive but the positive change in the way they feel about themselves. To date, over 5,500 girls have been outfitted since Belle of the Ball began in 2005, with over \$3M in dry cleaning services donated by Anton's since the program's inception.

Enterprise Bank CEO Jack Clancy banks on his supportive team to put the company mission into action each year. According to Clancy, "Proms are an exciting part of a high school experience. They can, however, be very expensive and for some a true financial burden. Our Enterprise Bank family is proud to make a positive difference in the lives of these girls right here, in the communities we serve."

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For more information about Caring Partners' Belle of the Ball, visit antons.com/belle.

and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 180 student clubs and organizations.

Visit coastal.edu for more information.

Honors: 4th grader Aliah Isaac and 6th grader Ishad Isaac of Billerica; 7th grader Julia Baia of Burlington; 5th grader Abigail Peralta of Haverhill; 3rd grader Domenic Botticelli and 4th grader Blake Stanley of North Andover; 4th grader Olivia Dunbar and 6th grader Blake Dudley of North Reading; 3rd grader Isabella Sarofeen, 4th grader Matthew Liang and 5th graders Kennedy Quinn and David Sarofeen all of Reading; 3rd graders David Arifi, Derek Rappoli and Lillian Salamone of Tewksbury; 3rd grader Lilyannika Molgard, 6th grader Alexis Molgard and 7th grader Jaron Molgard of Waltham; 3rd graders Luca DiCenso, Joshua King and Marco Smolinsky, 5th graders Cameron Chisholm, Davio DiCenso, Allison Gardner, Jack Jamieson and Sean Marazi, 6th grader Charles Chiocciello.

ALCS is a private Christian school located in the heart of Wilmington with enrolled students that reside in 20 local communities. Since 1982, ALCS has disciplined students with quality, bible-based instruction and individualized attention to empower them to reach their full potential and serve the greater community.

Abundant Life Christian School is currently accepting applications for grades K-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information about enrollment, visit ablifeschool.com or attend the upcoming spring Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 26.

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**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING**LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 28, 2022 at 7:10 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by George and Lisa Brangiforte, for a variance under Section 4130, Appendix B, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for side yard setbacks to construct a 14' x 24' sunroom and 14' x 16' open deck as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **85 French Street**, Assessor's Map 95, Lot 12, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tekwksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 24, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by George and Lisa Brangiforte, for a variance under Section 4130, Appendix B, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for side yard setbacks to construct a 14' x 24' sunroom and 14' x 16' open deck as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **334 South Street**, Assessor's Map 95, Lot 157 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tekwksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Nancy Rego, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 24, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **3D Builders**, for a variance under Section 4130, Appendix B, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for front yard setbacks and a Special Permit under Section 3651 to convert the existing carport into a garage and add a 6' x 12' extension as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **215 Maple Street**, Assessor's Map 88, Lot 20 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tekwksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING**SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by John Peterson of Metro Sign on behalf of Joseph Aubut c/o Nan T. Vadaro for a Sign Special

Permit to retrofit existing sign with a new cabinet and install an electronic message center with base as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1788 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 85, Lot 6, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tekwksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/03/2022**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED**ADMINISTRATION UNDER****THE MASSACHUSETTS****UNIFORM PROBATE****CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 03, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING**SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT,
SPECIAL PERMIT,
LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT**

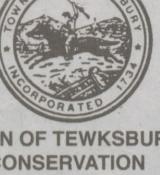
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 28, 2022 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Highland View Realty Trust for a Site Plan Special Permit, Special Permit, and Land Disturbance Permit to construct a 13,770 SF greenhouse and associated parking area, utilities, and grading as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **334 South Street**, Assessor's Map 95, Lot 157 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tekwksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Nancy Rego, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING**Request for Determination
of Applicability (RDA)**

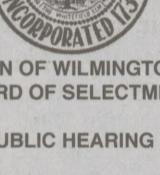
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 2, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for a RDA Application filed by Stephen Connors for the abandonment of septic systems and a residential connection to town sewer. The proposed work is within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **130 John Street**, Assessor's Map 58, Lot 155.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tekwksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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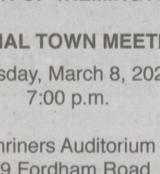
**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

PUBLIC HEARING

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Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Board of Selectmen in the Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Section 6.6.7 Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #22-01, plan entitled, "Proposed Site Development, 225 Andover Street, Wilmington, MA 01887", dated February 8, 2021 and last revised November 29, 2021; prepared by Michael G. Joyce, P.E., and James J. Abely, P.L.S.; Joyce Consulting Group, Civil Engineers, 439 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Braintree, MA 02184. The application is for the construction of a self-storage facility at 225 Andover Street. Said property is located at 225 Andover Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 108.

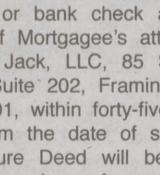
A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair

Wilmington Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022**7:00 p.m.**

Shriners Auditorium

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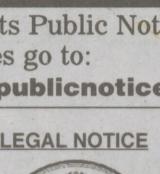
WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 03, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,

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LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF
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PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

Demarco named to President's List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) is pleased to announce that Mia Demarco of Wilmington has been named to the President's List for the fall semester 2021. Demarco is one of almost 500 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

A model for the "New Traditional University," Western New England University is among just 13% of private (5,000 students or less) institutions ranked among US News and World

Report "National Universities" and a "Top 100 Engineering Program."

WNE enrolls 3,690 students, including 2,552 full-time undergraduate, in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at its Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and School of Law.

Demarco is working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

A WNE education provides career-span agility through a curriculum grounded in professional/experiential studies, enhanced by the liberal arts, and enriched by mentored research that equips grad-

uates to adapt and succeed in the workplace of the future.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates.

More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Col-

leges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Spinazola named to Dean's List at Western NE

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) is pleased to announce that Christopher Spinazola of Wilmington has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2021. Spinazola is one of over 700 students who achieved this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

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Spinazola is working toward a BSE in Civil Engineering.

Brogan, Turner named to President's List at Champlain College

BURLINGTON, VT — The following students have been named to the Champlain College President's List for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher in the Fall 2021 semester.

Timothy Brogan of Wilmington - Computer Networking & Cybersecurity major

Jessica Turner of Wilmington - Integrative Professional Studies major

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. From its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, the College offers an innovative academic experience and more than 100 residential and online programs, including undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates.

Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. For the sixth year in a row, Champlain was named a "Most Innovative School" in the North by U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" rankings, and was listed among The Princeton Review's "The Best 387 Colleges" in 2022.

Champlain is also featured in the 2021 Fiske Guide to Colleges as one of the "best and most interesting schools" in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain and was recognized as a 2020 College of Distinction for its "Engagement, Teaching, Community, and Outcomes."

For more information, visit champlain.edu.

Flanagan initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa

LEXINGTON, VA — Kylie Flanagan, a native of Wilmington, was recently initiated into the Merrimack College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 626 new initiates from 23 universities during December 2021.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on Dec. 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level. The foun-

ders established the ODK Idea—the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community.

ODK's mission is to honor and develop leaders; encourage collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and promote ODK's leadership values of collaboration, inclusivity, integrity, scholarship, and service on college and university campuses throughout North America.

The Society's national headquarters are located in Lexington, Virginia.

Two students named to Dean's List at Assumption

WORCESTER — Assumption University announced those students who have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. Students named to the University's Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

- Isabella Granara of Wilmington, Class of 2022
- Ashley MacGillivray of Wilmington, Class of 2025

"The University is proud of those students named to the Dean's List for the academic excellence they demonstrated in the classroom in their pursuit of a Catholic liberal educa-

tion," said Assumption University President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D. "Through their commitment to their studies during the fall semester, students named to the Dean's List have immersed themselves in their academic program as they are formed as individuals who will use the knowledge they have gained to live meaningful and purposeful lives and careers."

Assumption University provides students with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. For more information, visit assumption.edu.

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Board raises questions for 40B proposal

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stead. Gary DePalma also seemed concerned about a firetruck's ability to get in the driveway, and Sweet mentioned that the entrance is at least 24 feet wide.

Two other issues Maselli brought up were the size of the building and the fact that the electric vehicle charging stations in the parking garage would be hard for firetrucks to reach. Sweet replied that they brought the charging stations to the entrance of the parking garage. As for the rest of Maselli's comment, she said she believed that was a question for the ZBA and not this board.

When the issue of traffic came up, Sweet said that they were working with the town engineer to get a traffic review started.

DePalma went on to ask if the property included the line up to Lowell Street, to which Sweet clarified that the edge of the property on Lowell Street is owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She earlier mentioned that they tried unsuccessfully to purchase the edge of the Lowell Street connection.

Judy O'Connell asked Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich to provide context on the Princeton Properties project. Gingrich recalled that the parcel was rezoned from general business and general industrial to neighborhood mixed-use by a Town Meeting vote a few years ago, so it now allowed both multi-family housing and commercial use.

She also asked about the possibility of having a neighborhood meeting for residents to participate.

The board eventually moved on after these comments, seeing as they had no approval or vote on the plan.

Board dissatisfied with MBTA, Keolis response

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"People need to know they can feel safe when they cross over," he continued.

He also mentioned that he heard of other similar reports and concerns in the commonwealth. He said he'd look forward to the result of the MBTA's full investigation.

Gary DePalma stated his confidence in the approach with Senator Bruce Tarr and State Representative Dave Robertson working with Keolis to get the best outcome.

"I believe our town delegation can throw enough weight around to get this thing resolved," he said.

He, too, noted that it seemed like MBTA issues with gates not going down or other safety concerns were being reported outside of Wilmington.

Kevin Caira agreed with the dissatisfaction in the MTBA and Keolis' response. He also liked the idea of bringing the signal horn back on a trial basis at least, perhaps gathering the thoughts of town residents who live in the direct area through a survey.

State Rep. Robertson then spoke up about the lack of public trust in the MBTA even though they have stated that their railroad crossings are safe.

He sympathized with residents calling about things that might be issues but in some cases were just routine testing procedures. After talking with Police Chief Joe Desmond and Sen. Tarr, they drafted a letter to the MBTA with their requests.

Robertson went on to explain how North Wilmington became a quiet zone and some equipment he had researched that could be useful.

Among their requests to the MBTA was an ask for clear clarification about the safety settings and the current status of the gates at the North Wilmington station. In order to prevent confusion, they

suggested the MBTA notify local town halls and dispatch about safety standard tests so that police don't investigate in those situations. They also are going to propose instituting a checklist for operating MBTA equipment to keep employees accountable.

Sen. Tarr reminded the audience that the preliminary investigation by the MBTA said that the accident was caused by human error, and their implication was that nothing else needed to be done besides training and changing the manual for signal maintainers' learning and awareness.

However, he recalled

MBTA indicating that these were merely interim steps. What he wanted to see was a public pronouncement of these steps being completed, which he had not received, and continued conversation about the addition of long-term protection measures.

He also hoped the MBTA would pursue the full investigation of the accident as quickly as possible and put in effort to prevent the possibility of human error in the future. He promised that he and Robertson would continue to correspond with the MTBA and the board moving forward.

Selectmen support Eagle Scout memorial project

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porting local farmers and businesses.

Burnham thanked the board for their support starting when the farmers' market was first proposed 12 years ago. Along the way, she said that they found support from the library, the Board of Health, the DPW, and the Animal Control Officer in addition to other community groups like the Sons of Italy and We're One Wilmington. She emphasized how it was always a group effort and she was glad to be leaving the farmers market in good hands.

The board presented Burnham with a certificate, and then Hull complimented Burnham's persistence.

Next, the board members took turns welcoming the new Assistant Town Manager and Human Resources Director Susan Inman. Hull mentioned that he recognized strong experience and work ethic among the qualities he'd

been looking for in Inman. O'Connell shared with Inman some of the priorities of the town including collective bargaining and major projects on the forefront. She also mentioned that communication would be key moving forward and wanted her to feel like the board was available for support.

Bendel told Inman how Wilmington is a great place to be and said he hoped she would thrive here, too. Maselli reiterated the sentiments of communication and the great sense of community in town.

Inman replied that she is energized about all of the projects and things going on in town. With similar projects ongoing in her previous role, she said she felt like she could hit the ground running.

"I'm finding myself feeling like it's a good fit for me," she said.

Later, the board received communications from the town manager about two warrant articles for

the annual Town Meeting, the deficiencies of the current town hall building, and when to bring development proposals before the board. The two warrant articles are proposals to ban the use of polystyrene materials in food establishments and town facilities and to purchase a piece of surplus property.

Fire Chief Bill Cavanaugh wrote to the board about the receipt of a grant for ballistic firefighter vests.

Bendel reported in a memo that the new senior center interior space was continuing to be reviewed and modified. Superintendent of Buildings George Hooper wrote to the board about an oil spill of about 10 gallons at the Wildwood involving a compromised tank and reimbursement from the company that caused the issue.

The PFAS report from January came back as non-detect from the Sergeant treatment plan and 4.6 parts per trillion at

Butters Row.

Town Engineer Paul Alunni sent a memo to the board about reallocating some ARPA funds appropriately to pay for the Princeton Properties/Lubbers Brook culverts that need replacing. He mentioned that he already had talked to the Public Works Director, the Operations Manager, and the Director of Planning and Conservation, who all agreed that this would be a good use of those funds.

The board voted to approve this item.

They also approved a request to appoint more election workers, executing the agreement with the town's firefighters, and signing the amended access license agreement with Olin Corporation to conduct water sampling.

They set a date for the town manager's evaluation and then concluded with the Salute to Service honoring Ryan P. Quigley. The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

Galvin, Bernazani named to Dean's List at U of Tampa

TAMPA, FL — The University of Tampa has honored 2,056 students who were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2021 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

UT student, Julia Galvin, of Wilmington, earned dean's list honors. Galvin is majoring in Marketing BS.

UT student, Alyssa Bernazani, of Wilmington, earned dean's list honors. Bernazani is majoring in Marketing BS.

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2020 Acura RDX S-SPEC

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#CP0052 \$42,998

2019 Chevy Blazer Premier

AWD • Gray • 68K miles



#CP0051 \$43,998

2020 Kia Telluride S AWD

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#CP0053 \$43,998

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2013 Honda Odyssey EX-L

H220282, Auto., Black, 69K miles

\$18,998

2016 Nissan Rogue SL AWD

H2202891, Auto., Silver, 87K miles

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2018 Dodge Journey SE AWD

H2201071, Auto., Vice White, 55K miles

\$20,998

2018 Honda Civic LX Hatchback

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